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SFX: *RAIN*

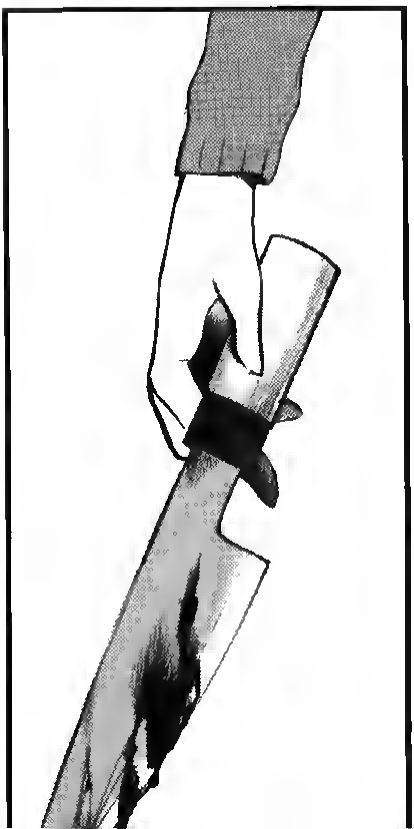
YOU DRIFT ASHORE ON A DESOLATED ISLAND,

AND WAIT FOR AID INSIDE A MANSION...

JUST LIKE ANY OTHER PASSING TRAVELER.

BUT EVEN IF YOU KILL THE MURDERER...

THE MASSACRE CAN'T BE STOPPED.



THE MURDER KNIFE OF INSANITY TURNS THE HOLDER INTO THE MURDERER.

THE LIVING HAVE TO KILL THE MURDERER IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.

BECAUSE THE MURDER KNIFE...

WILL KEEP TRANSFERRING...

THROUGH PEOPLE'S HANDS.

THERE'S NO USE IN TRYING TO SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH...

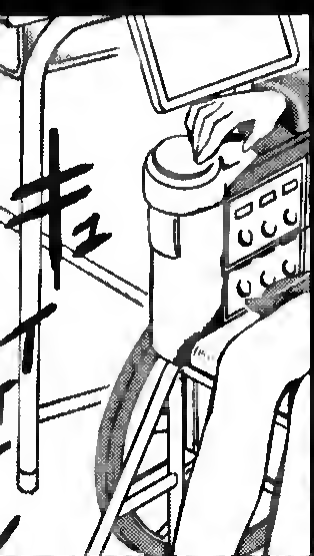
SINCE THE CULPRIT WILL TRY TO DECEIVE EVERYONE BY SAYING THAT HE OR SHE IS THE RIGHTEOUS ONE.

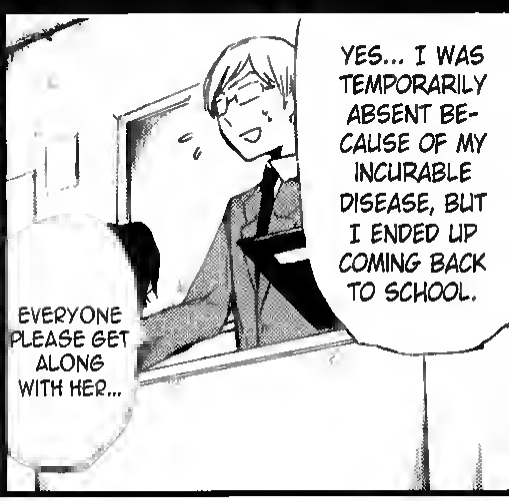
Chapter 1:

Encounter

THE FIRST TIME THAT I SET MY EYES ON THAT GIRL...

MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS... "SHE'S NOT NORMAL".




YES... I WAS TEMPORARILY ABSENT BECAUSE OF MY INCURABLE DISEASE, BUT I ENDED UP COMING BACK TO SCHOOL.
EVERYONE PLEASE GET ALONG WITH HER...

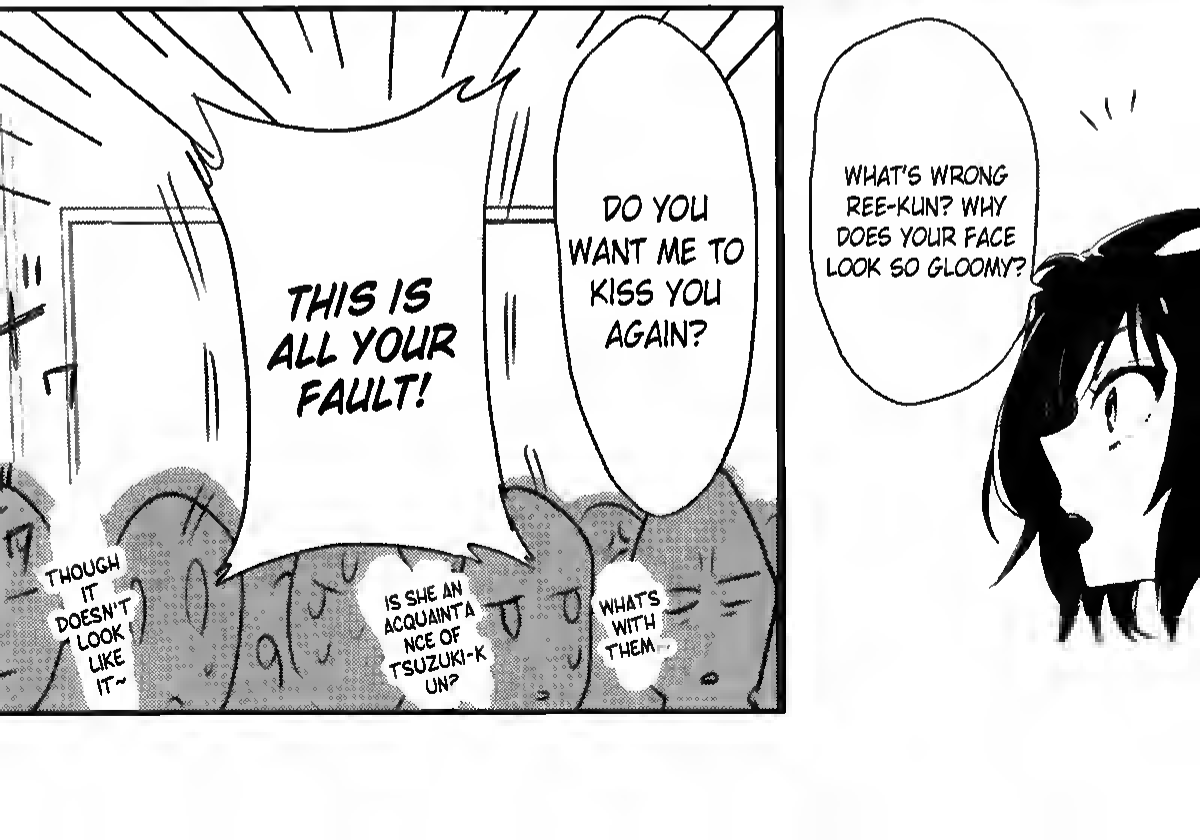
REE-KUN!
UHN~
AS THE CLASS-REP, NOW I'LL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS TROUBLESOME PERSON...
WHO IS SHE CALLING THAT?
ITS BEEN A WHILE... I WANTED TO SEE YOU, REE-KUN!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
NHNN...?

LICK
SFX: KYAAAAAAAAAAAAA
KYAAAAAAAAAAAAA
I COULD HEAR MY CLASSMATES' SCREAMS AS IF THEY WERE DOING IT NEXT TO MY EARS.

FU FU FU FU FU FU FU FU...
SPARKLING~
.....
C'MON~, LET ME SEE YOUR TEXTBOOK REE-KUN.
ISN'T IT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE CLASS REP TO TAKE CARE OF ME...?
WHY DIDN'T YOU BRING YOURS?!
HERE YOU GO...
YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT YOU WERE COMING BACK TO SCHOOL, DIDN'T YOU?
LETS SEE, WHAT'S IN HERE...
数学Ⅲ
THROWS AWAY
WHAT ABORING SUBJECT... SO THE LEVEL OF THIS HIGH-SCHOOL ISN'T THAT GREAT EITHER...
REE-KUN

HEY, KIMIZUTSUKI-S AN...
AHH... MY HEAD HURTS...
PLEASE DON'T INVOLVE ME IN THIS...
NHGA...
SFX: CHATTER

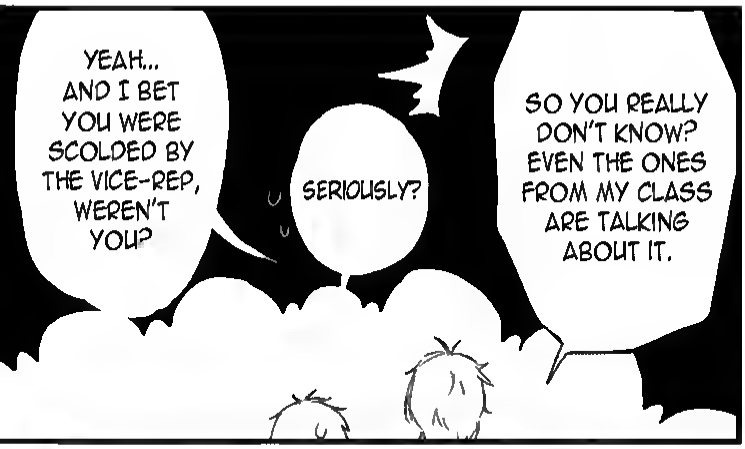

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
DO YOU WANT ME TO KISS YOU AGAIN?
WHAT'S WRONG REE-KUN? WHY DOES YOUR FACE LOOK SO GLOOMY?
THOUGH IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT~
IS SHE AN ACQUAINTANCE OF TSUZUKI-KUN?
WHAT'S WITH THEM...

HAHAHAHA, THAT MUST HAD BEEN A COMPLETE DISASTER, UI...

TATSUYA, COULD YOU NOT BRING THAT UP WHILE WE'RE STILL IN THE TOILET?
SO, IN ALL THIS, WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT GIRL?

SFX: TWITCH

WELL, ISN'T THAT HOW REUNIONS WITH CHILDHOOD FRIENDS ARE LIKE?
WHICH ALSO MEANS THAT SHE'S YOUR SISTER HARUKA'S FRIEND TOO?

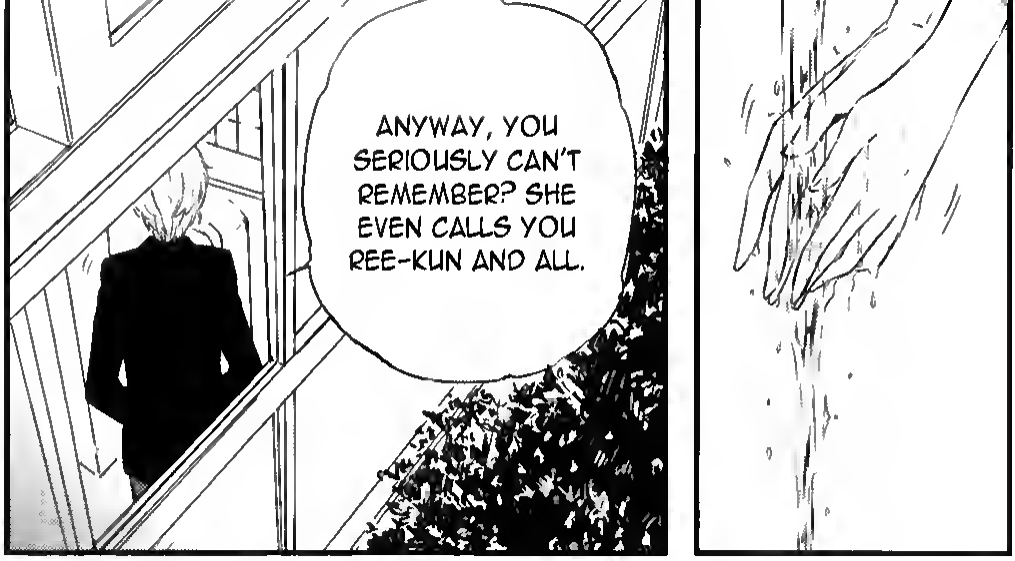

YEAH... AND I BET YOU WERE SCOLDED BY THE VICE-REP, WEREN'T YOU?
SERIOUSLY?
SO YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW? EVEN THE ONES FROM MY CLASS ARE TALKING ABOUT IT.

THOUGH I DON'T REMEMBER HAVING A CHILDHOOD FRIEND LIKE HER.
IN ANY CASE, WHY DON'T YOU ASK HARUKA... AFTER ALL, YOU TWO ARE GOING OUT, RIGHT?

THE VICE-REP
...I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO HER AFTER SCHOOL.
WITH SOMETHING LIKE: "IF YOU WANNA HAVE AN ILLICIT SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP DO IT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL".
YEAH~ SHE WAS OPEN-MOUTHED...

TL/N "KISAKI KIRINA" IS THE NAME OF THE "PROBLEMATIC CHILD" BUT SINCE HER LAST NAME SOUNDS SIMILAR TO "QUEEN" EVERYBODY CALLS HER THAT

TYPICAL PROBLEMATIC RICH CHILD
WAAAAH, NOW I'VE GOT A HEADACHE!!
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE "QUEEN" FROM MY CLASS...
WHAT IF SHE TAKES A LIKING TO YOU AND TRIES TO MAKE YOU HER PET, WHAT WOULD YOU DO THEN?


ANYWAY, YOU SERIOUSLY CAN'T REMEMBER? SHE EVEN CALLS YOU REE-KUN AND ALL.

YOU KNOW... THERE ISN'T EVEN AN "R" IN MY NAME...
IT'S JUST THAT GIRL'S MISUNDER-STANDING.
"TSUZUKI UI"
WELL YOU HAVE A POINT THERE, BUT WHAT ABOUT A NICKNAME FROM A HOMEPAGE, OR AN AVATAR FROM SOME ON-LINE GAME...

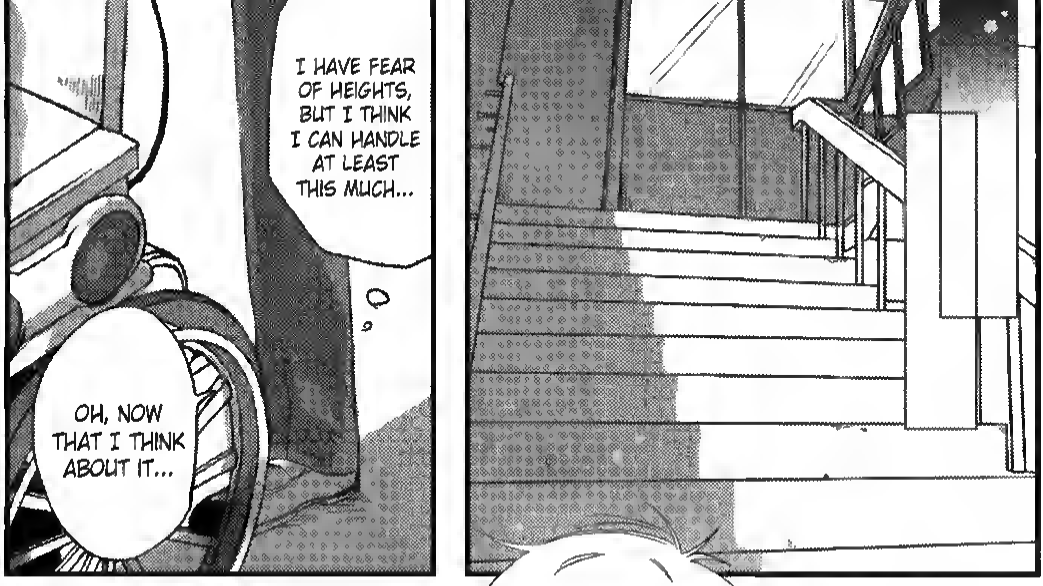
HUH?
"TSUZUKI UI..." AN ON-LINE AVATAR... "REE-KUN."

UOOOH!
UWAH!
WHAT AM I THINKING... IT CAN'T BE THAT...
REE-KUN...
SINCE ALL THESE MEDIOCRE COMMONERS ARE MAKING A HELL OF A FUZZ, WHY DON'T WE GO TO THE ROOFTOP?

JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW I WAS BREATHING THE SAME AIR, PISSES ME OFF.
THAT ARROGANT TONE... WHERE HAVE I HEARD IT BEFORE...

OH...

SORRY TATSUYA!
HEY, UI?


I HAVE FEAR OF HEIGHTS, BUT I THINK I CAN HANDLE AT LEAST THIS MUCH...
OH, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

YOUR WHEELCHAIR ISN'T THE TYPE THAT CAN GO UP STAIRS...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S LOOKS REALLY MODERN AND ALL
THEN WHY DON'T YOU CARRY ME IN YOUR ARMS, MY PRINCE. IF IT'S ABOUT MY PANTIES, THEN I'LL LET YOU TOUCH THE AREA AROUND THEM~

I APPRECIATE THE OFFER, BUT I'LL HAVE TO DECLINE...
OH~♪

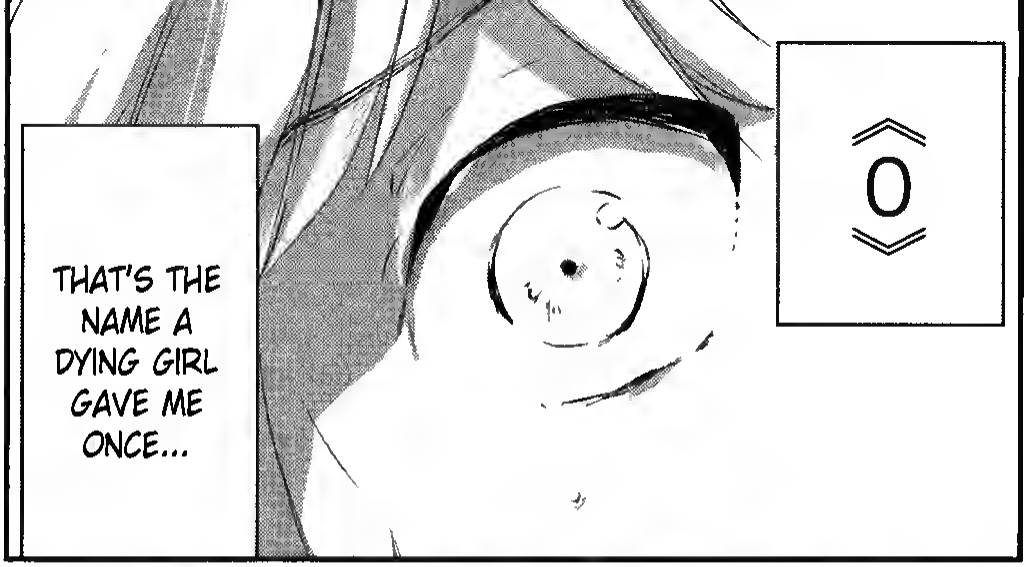
BUT, I DON'T HAVE THE INTENTION OF BECOMING A NURSE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT LOOKS LIKE I DON'T HAVE THE APTITUDE TO BECOME ONE.
THANK YOU...
YOU COULD BECOME A GOOD NURSE.
REE-KUN, YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT THIS~
BY THE WAY, SHE'S REALLY LIGHT...

AND? WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT FROM ME THAT MADE YOU FOLLOW ME TO THE TOILET...
Tired
TRY GUESSING...
I DON'T KNOW.
WHY DID I HAVE TO CARRY THE WHEELCHAIR TOO?
IF YOU CAN'T GUESS IT, THEN WE'LL KISS, HOW ABOUT IT?
PLEASE, STOP THAT.
REE-KUN...

YOU REALLY HAVE NO CLUE?
HOW ABOUT WE STOP PLAYING DUMB NOW THAT NOBODY IS WATCHING US?
YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW WHO I AM BY NOW.
THERE'S NO WAY THAT YOU, THE ONE WHO "KILLED ME" WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND.

"R"?
"SHE"
"REE-KUN"
I THOUGHT THAT IT COULDN'T BE THAT... BUT...
"KILL"
YOU WERE FINALLY ABLE TO REMEMBER, CORRECT!
FUFU~

ON ONE OF THE BEST-REASONING ON-LINE GAMES KNOWN WORLD-WIDE CALLED <DETECTIVE MURDER GAME>
Detective Murder Game
ID:
Log in
"R"
AN ANONYMOUS NICKNAME THAT BECAME POPULAR AFTER AN UNUSUAL VICTORY...
CALL ME BY THAT NAME, "ZERO O-KUN"
TSUKIMIZUKI RIKAI.
AND SINCE I CONTINUED FROM THE BEGINNING, I...
BUT, ITS ENOUGH IF YOU CALL ME ONCE BY THAT BORING NAME...


THAT'S THE NAME A DYING GIRL GAVE ME ONCE...
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WHY ARE YOU HERE?
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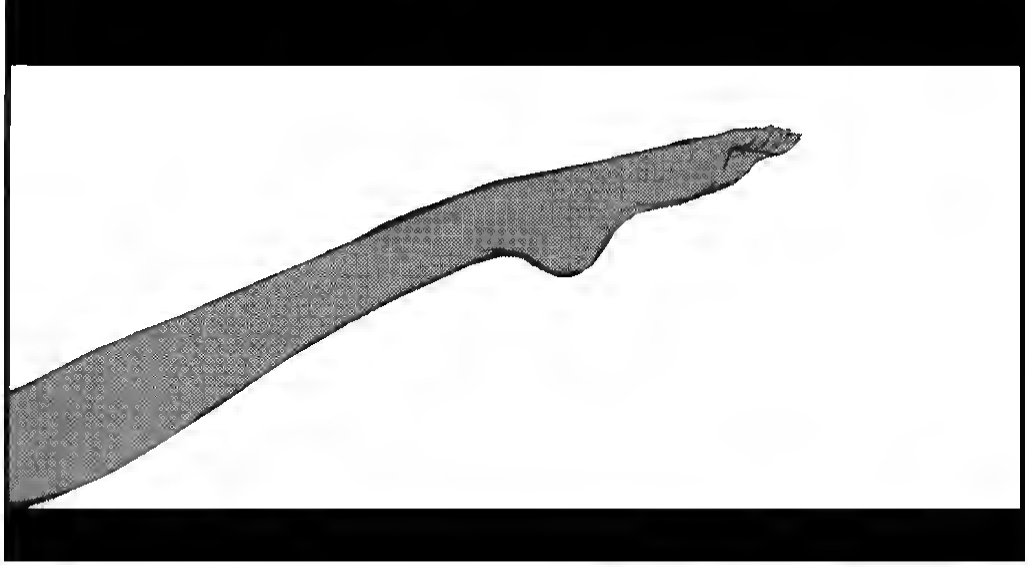

FU
FU
FU...

I'M HERE TO KILL YOU, REE-KUN.

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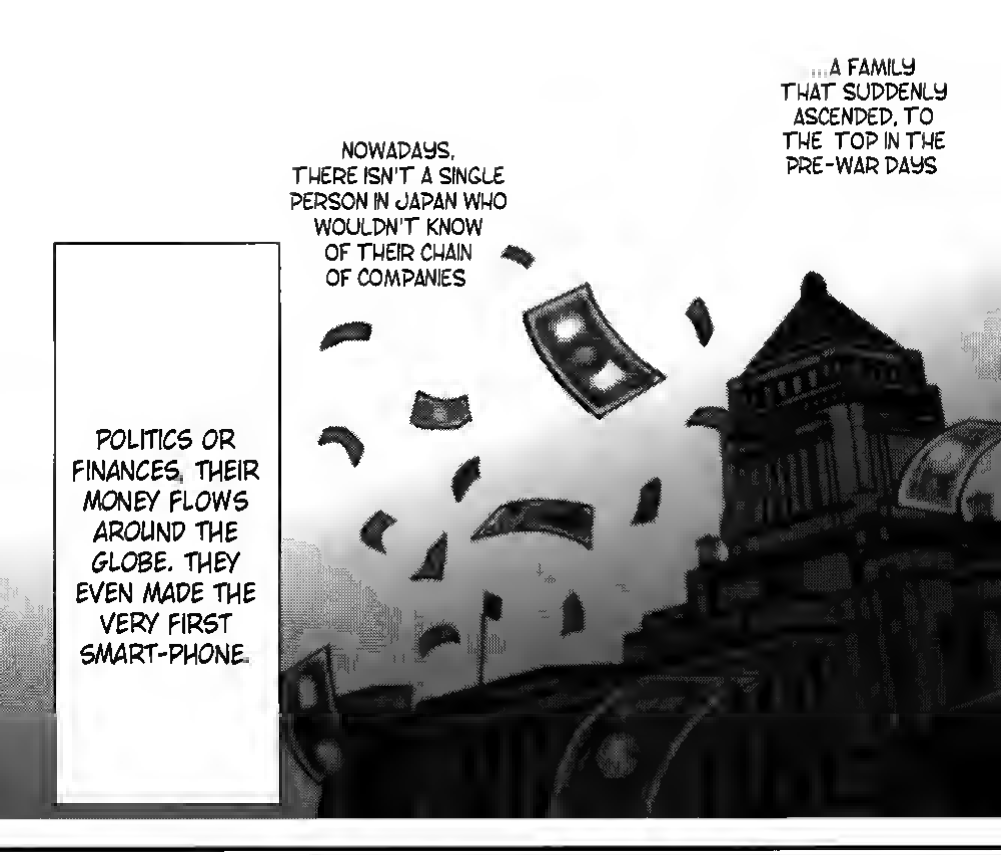
THE TSUKIMIZUKI'S ARE...


...A FAMILY THAT SUDDENLY ASCENDED, TO THE TOP IN THE PRE-WAR DAYS
NOWADAYS, THERE ISN'T A SINGLE PERSON IN JAPAN WHO WOULDN'T KNOW OF THEIR CHAIN OF COMPANIES
POLITICS OR FINANCES, THEIR MONEY FLOWS AROUND THE GLOBE. THEY EVEN MADE THE VERY FIRST SMART-PHONE.

THEIR INFLUENCE EXTENDS TO EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD.

WITH THEIR ASTRONOMICAL AMOUNTS OF MONEY, CONNECTIONS, AND FREE ACCESS TO CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY,

THEY STAND ABOVE ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

THEY CAN EVEN RIVAL A NATION.

Chapter 2:

Indications

TO KILL ME?
WHAT ARE YOU SA...
I MEAN REVENGE, BECAUSE I LOST WHEN YOU KILLED ME.
I WON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL I DEFEAT YOU.

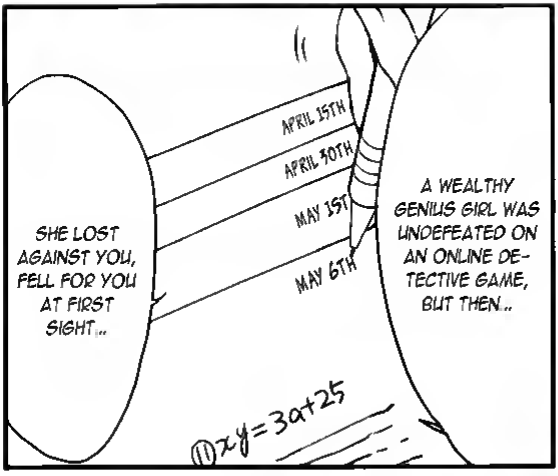
ARE YOU SERIOUS...
NO WAY...
HAHAHA
HAHAHA
HAHAHA

KU KU KU..
HM? WHAT'S WRONG, REE-KUN?
DON'T TELL ME THAT.. YOU FORGOT MY NICK-NAME?
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SO SERIOUS ABOUT, REE-KUN.
HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA
AH~, I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW CUTE YOU ARE.
IT WAS A JOKE, YOU DUMMY!
"DETECTIVE - R"
BUT, THAT'S...
THERE'S A MURDERER IN THIS SCHOOL.

EH?
YOU KNOW, I CAME HERE TO FIND OUT HIS IDENTITY AND FRIGGING KILL HIM.
REE-KUN... LET'S PLAY A GAME...

BUT NOT IN THAT TRIFLING WORLD AGAIN, THIS TIME...
WHY DON'T YOU...
AND I...

PLAY A REAL
DETECTIVE
MURDER GAME?


A WEALTHY GENIUS GIRL WAS UNDEFEATED ON AN ONLINE DETECTIVE GAME, BUT THEN..
APRIL 15TH
APRIL 30TH
MAY 1ST
MAY 6TH
SHE LOST AGAINST YOU, FELL FOR YOU AT FIRST SIGHT..
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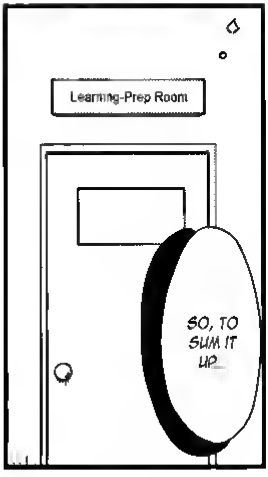
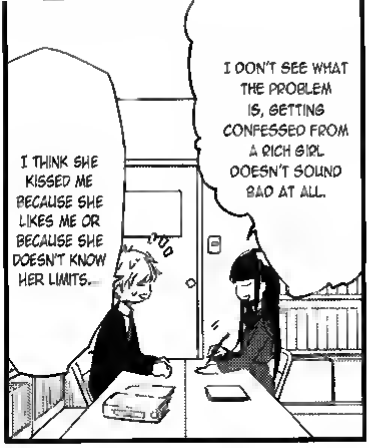
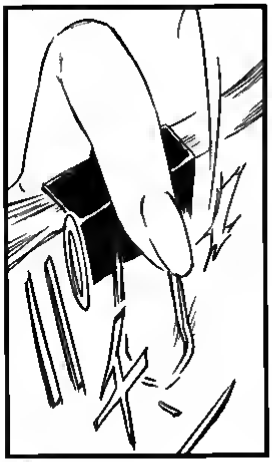

Learning-Prep Room
SO, TO SUM IT UP...

AND OUT OF CURIOSITY CAME TO SEE YOU BY USING HER POWER.
DID I GET IT RIGHT?


I DON'T SEE WHAT THE PROBLEM IS, GETTING CONFESSED FROM A RICH GIRL DOESN'T SOUND BAD AT ALL.
I THINK SHE KISSED ME BECAUSE SHE LIKES ME OR BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T KNOW HER LIMITS.

I WONDER...



HOW CAN YOU TELL?
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT.
SHE'S BEEN ORGANIZING IT BY DATE?
AS YOU WOULD EXPECT FROM ONE OF R'S NOTEBOOKS

SFX SNAP

A WOMAN'S INTUITION.

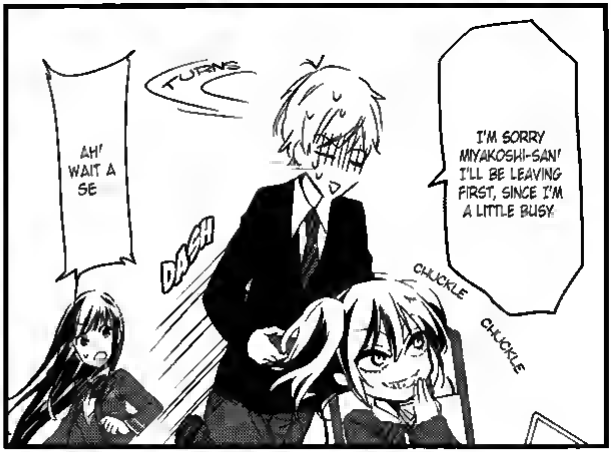
IF I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S UNLIKELY THAT...
MUMBLING
AFTER ALL THERE'S NO CHEMISTRY BETWEEN YOU TWO
WHAT! DON'T LOOK AT ME WITH THAT FACE!
EMBARRASSED
. . . .
RIKA! COULD BE A DETECTIVE, AND THAT THERE'S A MURDERER IN THE SCHOOL. BUT...
IF IT WERE TO BE TRUE THEN... WHAT THE HELL IS GOI...
カリ
チャッ
SFX: DOOR OPENS

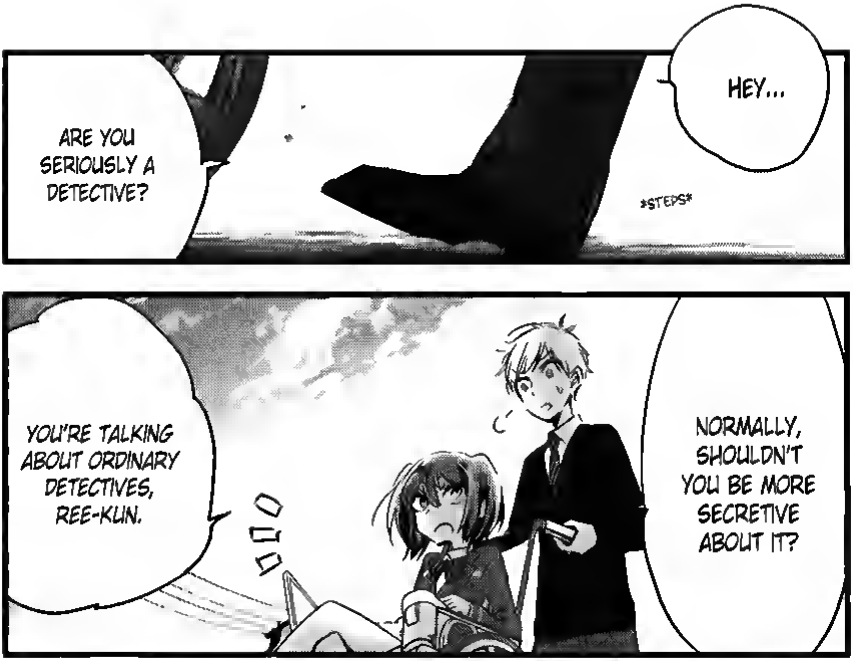
HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO KEEP TALKING WITH MS. SIMPLETON HERE...?
REMEMBER THAT I'LL BE STAYING AT YOUR HOUSE TODAY.

VICE-REP-SAMA...?
CLANK
WHA—
DON'T TELL ME THAT... YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS...?

HEY! DON'T JUST BARGE IN HERE AND START SAYING WHATEVER YOU PLEASE...
WHO ARE YOU CALLING MS SIMPLETON?! NO, RATHER THAN THAT... STAYING AT HIS HOUSE YOU SAY...?
FOR WHOM DO YOU THINK THAT I'M PUTTING TOGETHER ALL THESE PRINTS?

GEEZ!


TURNS
AH! WAIT A SE
DASH
I'M SORRY MIYAKOSHI-SAN! I'LL BE LEAVING FIRST, SINCE I'M A LITTLE BUSY.
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE


HEY...
STEPS
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY A DETECTIVE?
NORMALLY, SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE SECRETIVE ABOUT IT?
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ORDINARY DETECTIVES, REE-KUN.

CERTAINLY, IT'S FUNDAMENTAL FOR A DETECTIVE NOT TO BE DISCOVERED BY THE SUSPECT.
BUT THEN AGAIN, THERE'S A REASON WHY I'VE THROWN ALL THAT INTO THE GARBAGE CAN.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
FU FU FU...
IN SHORT, I'M NOT JUST SOME DISABLED GIRL...
I HAVE A SPECIAL ABILITY, YOU KNOW.

DON'T MAKE A FACE LIKE YOU JUST SMELT SOMETHING GOOD YOU LITTLE FUCKER, OR I'LL BEAT YOU UP.
A SPECIAL ABILITY...
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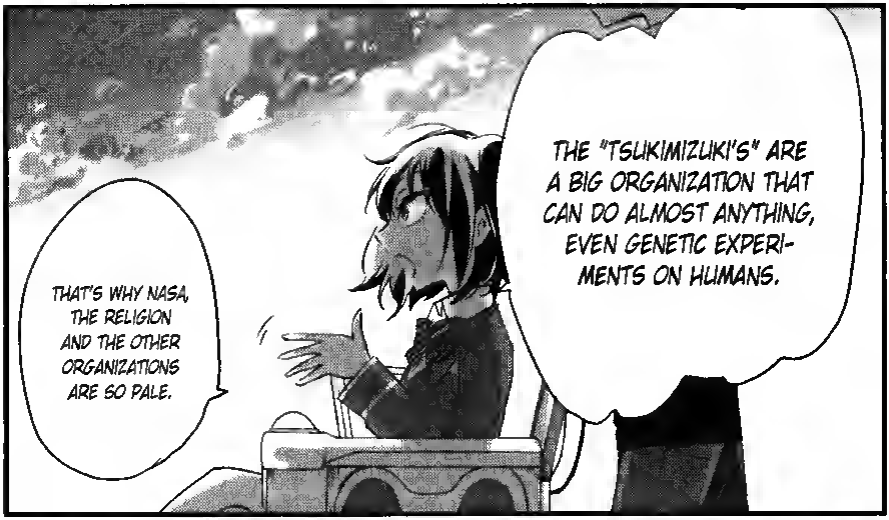

THE "TSUKIMIZUKI'S" ARE A BIG ORGANIZATION THAT CAN DO ALMOST ANYTHING, EVEN GENETIC EXPERIMENTS ON HUMANS.
THAT'S WHY NASA, THE RELIGION AND THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ARE SO PALE.

SHINING
REE-KUN YOU'RE SO KIND

IF YOU LIVE NEARBY, I'LL TAKE YOU THERE.
THAT WAS JUST AN EXCUSE SO THAT THE TWO OF US COULD BE ALONE... RIGHT?
BY THE WAY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING ? AND PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT YOU'RE SERIOUSLY GOING TO STAY AT MY HOUSE...
.....

AV.2-3RD STREET KURASHIMA HEIGHTS HOUSE #102.
OH, IF IT'S THERE THEN WE'RE REALLY CLO...
AH
FINE, I'LL TELL YOU.
...LIKE I'LL TAKE YOU THERE!! HOW DO YOU KNOW MY ADDRESS?!
HAHAHAHA, THAT WAS A NICE REACTION, REE-KUN!
KU KU KU
YOU WON'T FOOL ME EVEN IF YOU MAKE THAT FACE... WHEN DID YOU...
"TSUZUKI LII" 16 YEARS OLD, REISHIN HIGH SCHOOL 2ND YEAR 3RD CLASS, MEMBER OF THE BROADCAST CLUB AND CLASS REP
YOUR MOTHER "MINADE" 38 YEARS OLD, DESIGNER.
YOUR LITTLE SISTER "HARUKA" IS A FRESHMAN IN THE SAME HIGH-SCHOOL, MANAGER OF THE BASKETBALL CLUB AND COMES BACK HOME LATE.

AND...
YOUR FATHER "HAJIME" WHO TURNED 40 LAST YEAR AND COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTER JUMPING FROM AN ABANDONED BUILDING 2 YEARS AGO.

...RIKA!...
JUST WHO THE HELL ARE Y...

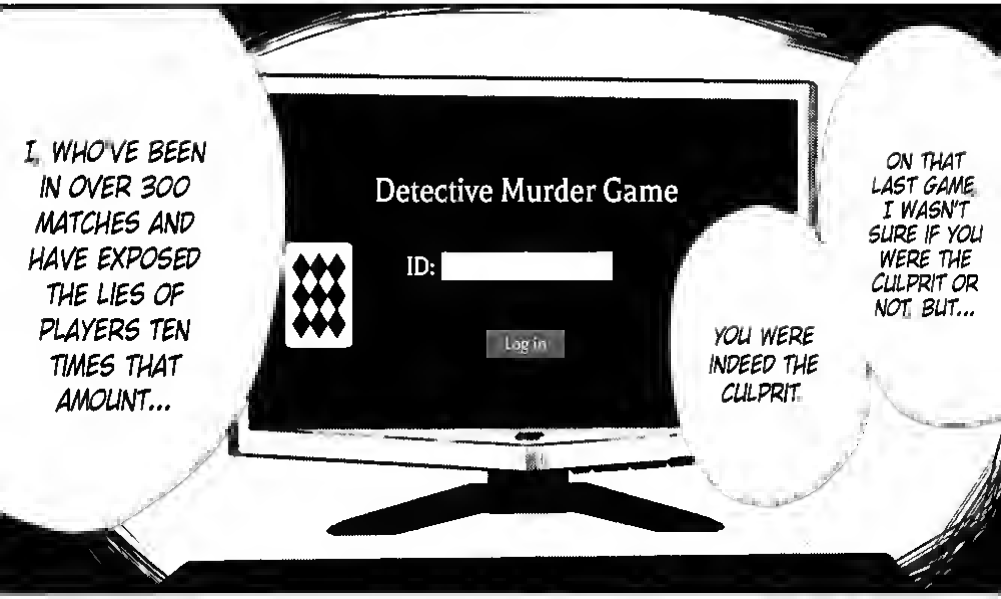
I WONDER IF YOU BELIEVE ME NOW...
WHEN I SAY THAT I'M A REAL DETECTIVE.

HU-HUM~
SO THIS IS REE-KUN'S ROOM?!
IN THE END... I BROUGHT HER ANYWAY...
IT'S SO CLEAN THAT IT FEELS REALLY GOOD.
ROLL OVER
WELL THEN...
SHALL WE DO ECCHI THINGS? REE-KUN...

WHAT WERE YOUR INTENTIONS BACK THEN IN HOMEROOM...?
AS EXPECTED OF REE-KUN, SOMETHING LIKE THIS DOESN'T WORK HUH?
YOU'RE MY FAVORITE, YOU KNOW...

I'LL KICK YOU OUT.
TCH. YOU'RE SO COLD~.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I USED MY SPECIAL ABILITY.
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I COULDN'T SEE THROUGH SOMEONE'S HEART...


I, WHO'VE BEEN IN OVER 300 MATCHES AND HAVE EXPOSED THE LIES OF PLAYERS TEN TIMES THAT AMOUNT...
Detective Murder Game
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Log in
YOU WERE INDEED THE CULPRIT.
ON THAT LAST GAME, I WASN'T SURE IF YOU WERE THE CULPRIT OR NOT, BUT...

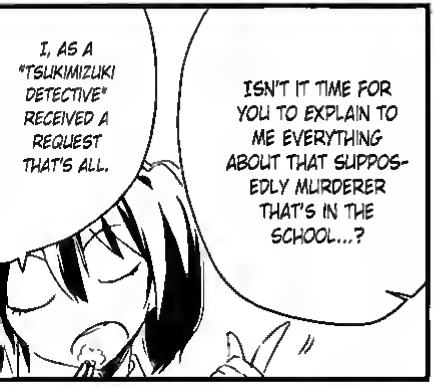
COULDN'T EXPOSE YOU...
AND ENDED UP BEING KILLED.

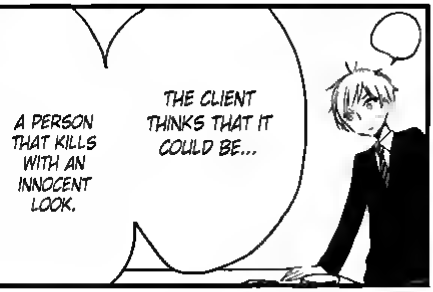
REE-KUN...
RIKA!...
I'M HUNGRY.
CARRY ME, REE-KUN.

ほか
ほか

MORE PLEASE!
#MUNCH#
#MUNCH#
TO THINK THAT YOU ALSO HAD A TALENT FOR COOKING...

SIGH...


I, AS A "TSUKIMIZUKI DETECTIVE" RECEIVED A REQUEST THAT'S ALL.
ISN'T IT TIME FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN TO ME EVERYTHING ABOUT THAT SUPPOSEDLY MURDERER THAT'S IN THE SCHOOL...?

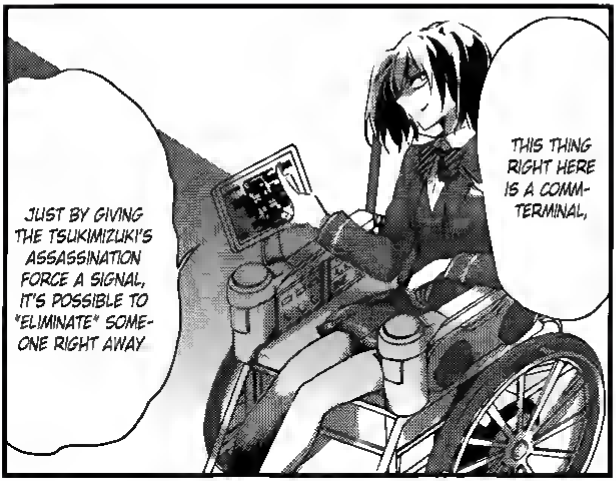

A PERSON THAT KILLS WITH AN INNOCENT LOOK.
THE CLIENT THINKS THAT IT COULD BE...

SERIOUSLY SPEAKING, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
ARE YOU REALLY FROM THE "TSUKIMIZUKI FAMILY"?
I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT YOUR TONGUE IS A LITTLE CHEAP.

AND...
IF I MANAGE TO COME UP WITH A CONCLUSION OF WHO THE CULPRIT MAY BE...
DON'T TELL ME THAT...
IT'S ABOUT KILLING HIM.
ISN'T A GAME ABOUT STOPPING THE MURDERER...
DETECTIVE MURDER GAME,

...IT'S THE CLIENT'S WISH TO ELIMINATE THE TARGET.
AT THAT MOMENT, I'LL KILL HIM.

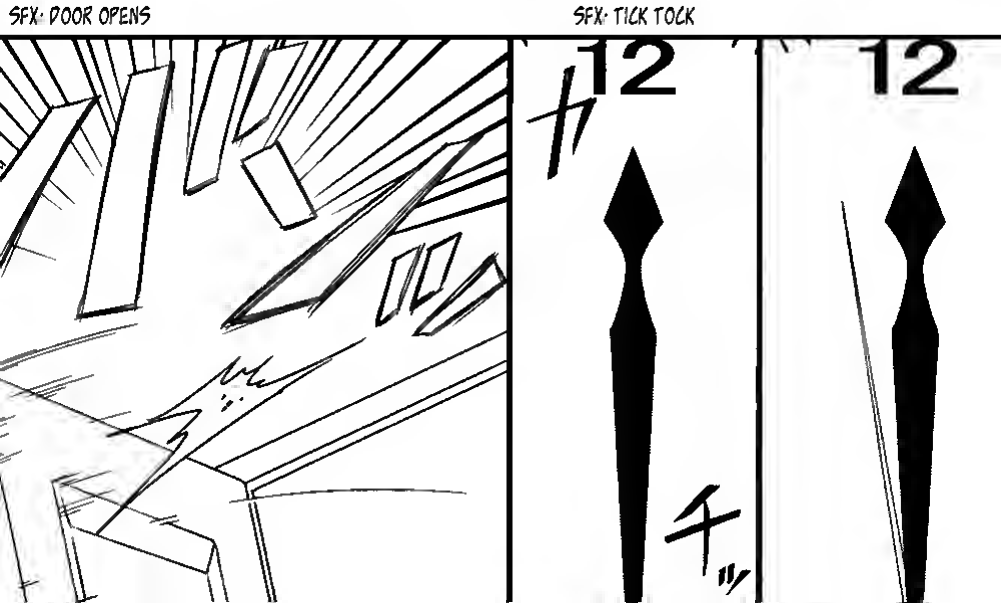
YOU'RE JOKING.. RIGHT...?


THIS THING RIGHT HERE IS A COMM-TERMINAL,
JUST BY GIVING THE TSUKIMIZUKI'S ASSASSINATION FORCE A SIGNAL, IT'S POSSIBLE TO "ELIMINATE" SOME-ONE RIGHT AWAY

3 MINUTES LEFT.

THERE'S NO WAY THA...

FOR WHAT...?


SFX: DOOR OPENS
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I'M HOME~!

WHY... ARE THE WINDOW'S CURTAINS...?
WOOAH~! WE'VE GOT A GUEST... THAT'S ODD.
I'M HIS LITTLE SISTER HARUKA~ THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MY BROTHER...
GIRLFRIEND-SAN?
OH PLEASE, YOU CAN THANK ME LATER...
SINCE I'LL BE TAKING CARE OF YOUR ONII-CHAN'S LOWER HALF THOROUGHLY TONIGHT.

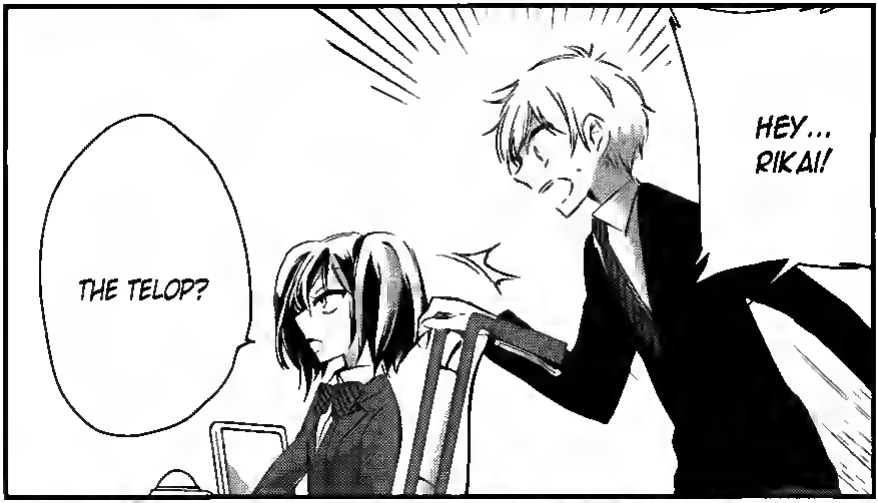
UWAAAH
HE'S MAKING THE FACE OF A SAINT, BUT HE'S PRETTY EXPERIENCED IN "THAT"...
HARUKA!
YOU MUST NOT LISTEN TO ANYTHING THIS GIRL SAYS!
...WHAT ABOUT DINNER? HAVE YOU ALREADY ATE?
YEAH~
JUST AFTER FINISHING MY CLUB ACTIVITIES...

CAN YOU RECALL WHAT YOU WERE DOING ON SEPTEMBER 7TH OF THE YEAR BEFORE LAST?
HEY, HEY, IMOUTO-CHAN...
THAT DAY, AROUND 9 O'CLOCK, A DRAMA WAS AIRED. REE-KUN, YOU SAW IT RIGHT?
EH?
THAT DATE IS...

OH C'MON, SEPTEMBER 7TH'S BROADCAST... ITS RATING WAS REALLY HIGH... THERE WERE A LOT OF COMMENTS ABOUT IT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED?
HN?
UMMMM, I WONDER WHAT WAS IT.
I THINK I SAW IT, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER THAT FAR IN MY MEMORIES
WHAT...? IS IT ABOUT THE DRAMA?
~:ROKUGATSU NO KOISAME MOYOU:~? THE MASTERPIECE OF A FEW YEARS BACK, RIGHT?
UMMMM...?
WHICH MEANS, THAT IMOUTO-CHAN WAS ALSO WATCHING ON THAT "VERY SAME DAY", AM I WRONG?
THIS CONVERSATION JUST TURNED INTERESTING...

REE-KUN, YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED, RIGHT...?
NO... I DON'T REMEMBER...
RIKAI PLEASE, DON'T SAY ANYTHING MORE...

STOP PLAYING DUMB~ THAT'S THE DAY WHEN YOUR FATHER...
PERFORMED A BUNGEE CHALLENGE.



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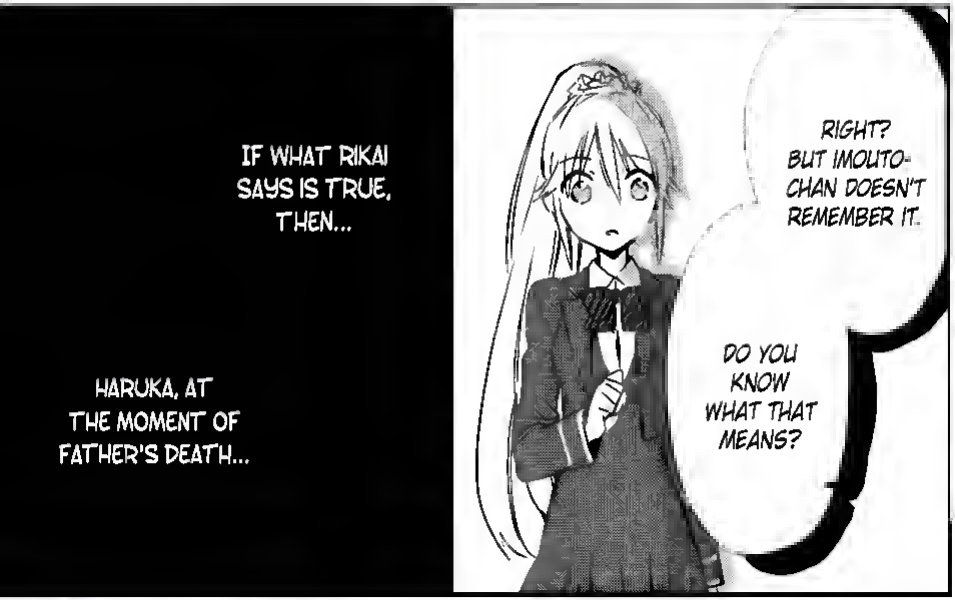
IF WHAT RIKA SAYS IS TRUE, THEN...
HARUKA, AT THE MOMENT OF FATHER'S DEATH...
RIGHT? BUT IMOUTO-CHAN DOESN'T REMEMBER IT.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

WASN'T IN THE LIVING ROOM...?

I WONDER WHAT IMOUTO-CHAN WAS DOING AT THAT TIME?
WELL... I... WAS...
HARUKA!
ISN'T YOUR FRIEND WAITING FOR YOU?!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT!
SEE YOU TWO LATER~!
OH MY, SHE RAN AWAY FROM ME.

WHAT YOU SAID A MOMENT AGO... IS IT TRUE?! SHOULD I TRY CALLING THE TV-STATION?
BE MY GUEST.
SINCE IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE TODAY, I'LL JUST CHECK THEIR PHONE NUMBER
I EXPECTED NO LESS FROM YOU REE-KUN.
YOU PLAN TO INVESTIGATE THIS THOROUGHLY. THERE ARE A LOT OF GUYS THAT DON'T BOTHER TO MAKE SURE OF THINGS.
SFX TIC
SFX PCFAN'S
SO SHE'S LYING AFTER ALL?
ARE YOU TESTING ME?
NOT YOU...
YOUR LIL' SISTER.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?! YOU KNOW, DAD'S DEATH WAS QUITE A SHOCK FOR HARUKA!
THOUGH, I DIDN'T THINK SHE'D START TO CRUMBLE THIS FAST.
HOW COULD YOU...
YOU DON'T GET IT?

COME TO THINK OF IT...

THERE WAS SOMETHING I STILL HADN'T HEARD...

SFX HEARTBEAT

FIRST, JUST WHO...

HAD COMMITED THE CRIME...

AND SECOND, WHO...
IT'S POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE THE REQUEST.
AS LONG AS THERE'S A PERSON WITH A CLUE...
EVEN IF IT'S A MURDER...
THAT THE POLICE HAD ALREADY TAGGED AS A SUICIDE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
HAD BEEN KILLED...?

THEN...
THAT MEANS...
THE TARGET I WAS SENT TO INVESTI-GATE...
THAT'S RIGHT!
IS NO OTHER THAN ONE OF THE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS WHO KILLED YOUR FATHER!

YOUR YOUNGER SISTER.

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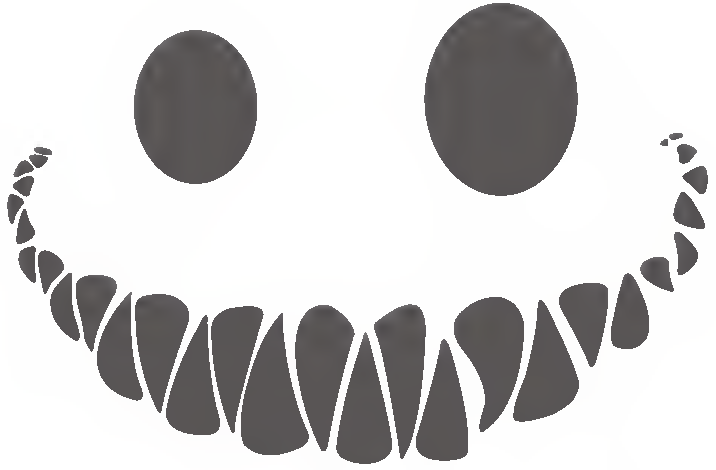

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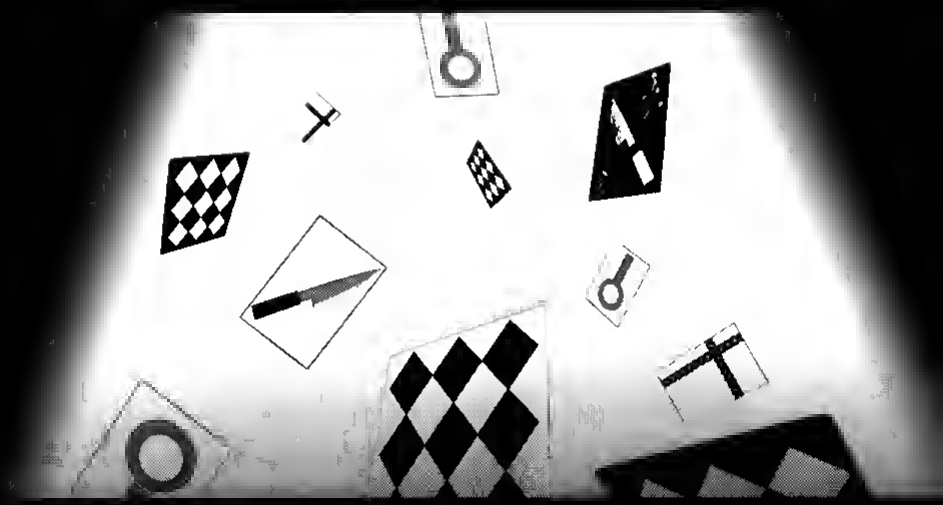
AN ITEM THAT CARRIES A DEMONIC POWER...

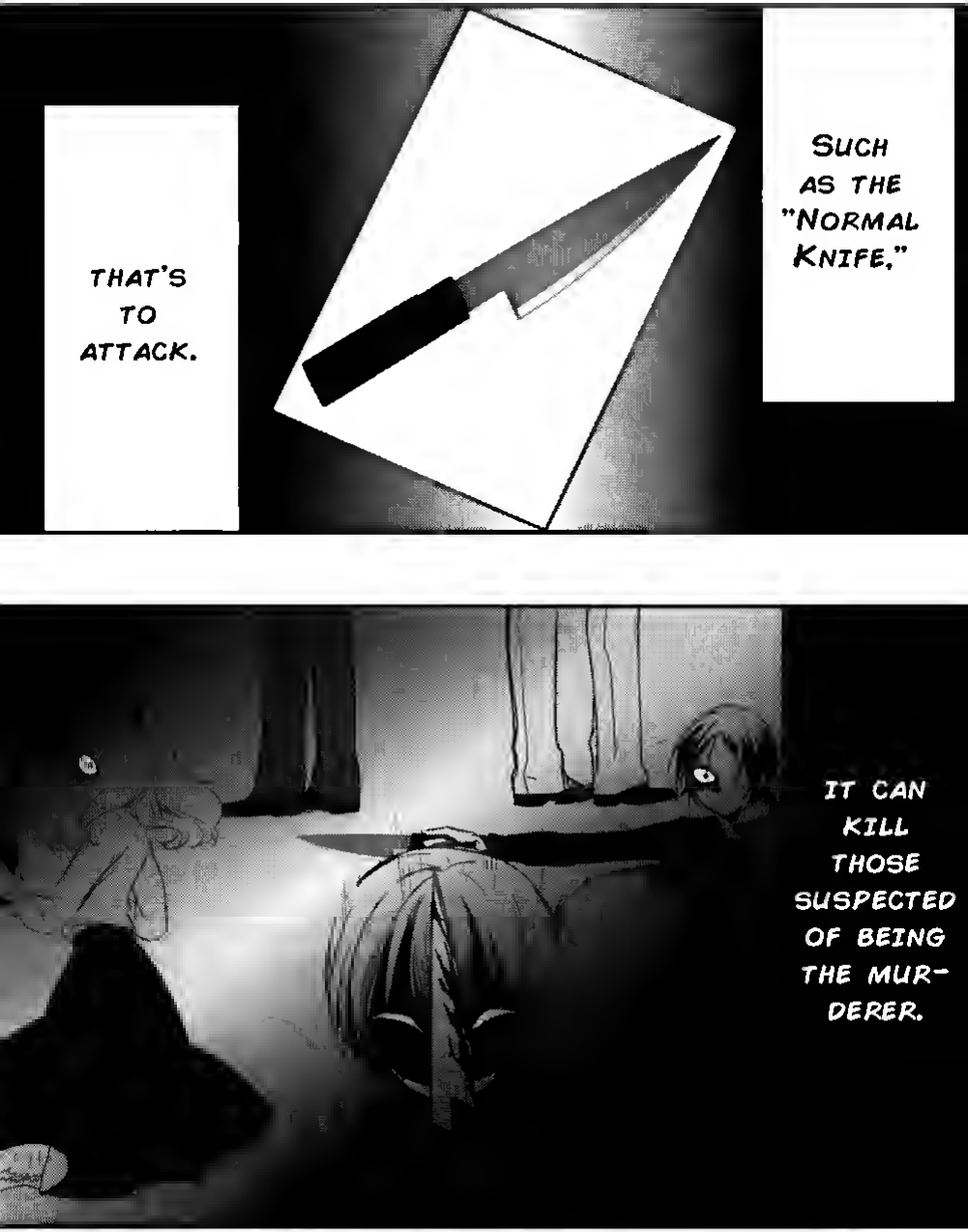
It turns its holder into the murderer.

ISN'T THE ONLY ITEM THAT'S GIVEN TO THE TRAVELERS.

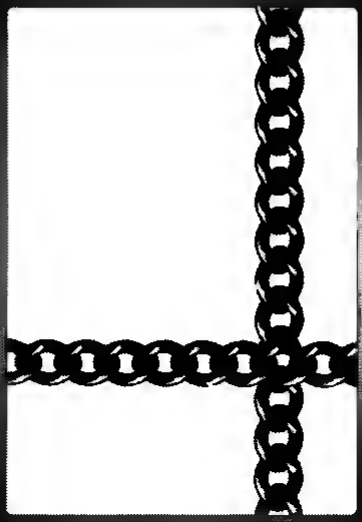
HOWEVER, THE "MURDER KNIFE OF INSANITY,"



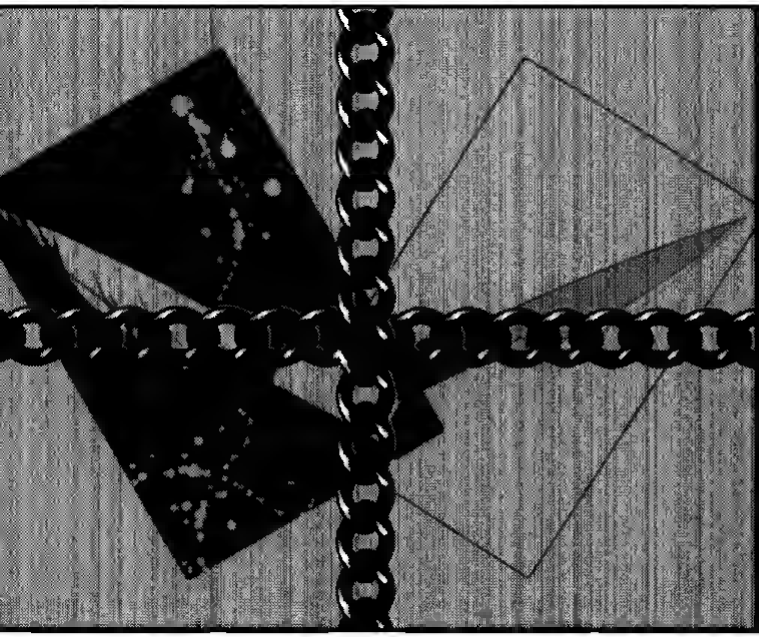
THERE ARE A VARIETY OF ITEMS THAT THE TRAVELERS CAN USE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE MURDERER.


THAT'S TO ATTACK.
SUCH AS THE "NORMAL KNIFE."
IT CAN KILL THOSE SUSPECTED OF BEING THE MURDERER.

THAT'S FOR PROTEC-TION.



OR THE "CHAIN-LOCK,"



ACTIVATING THE LOCK IN THE TRAVELER'S LODGINGS CAN INTERCEPT AN ATTACK DELIVERED BY A KNIFE.

THEY CAN ONLY BE USED ONE TIME PER NIGHT.

UNLIKE THE MURDER KNIFE OF INSANITY,

HOWEVER...

A SEA OF PARANOIA.

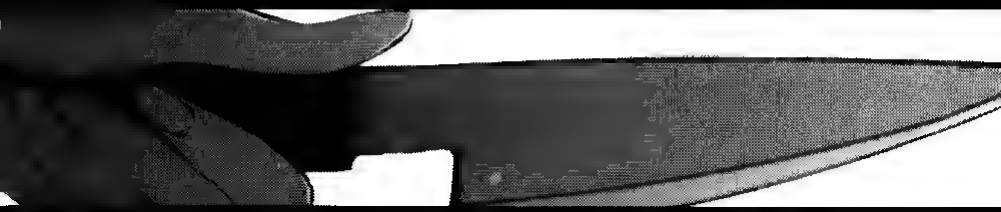
WILL YOU PERISH?

WILL YOU ENDURE?

LIES AND SCHEMES.

A WORLD FULL OF...

FOR THIS IS...



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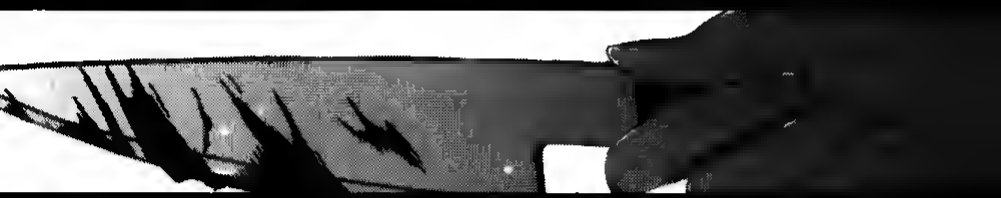

WITH VEILED INTENT TO BETRAY, WINS THE TRUST OF THE REST.

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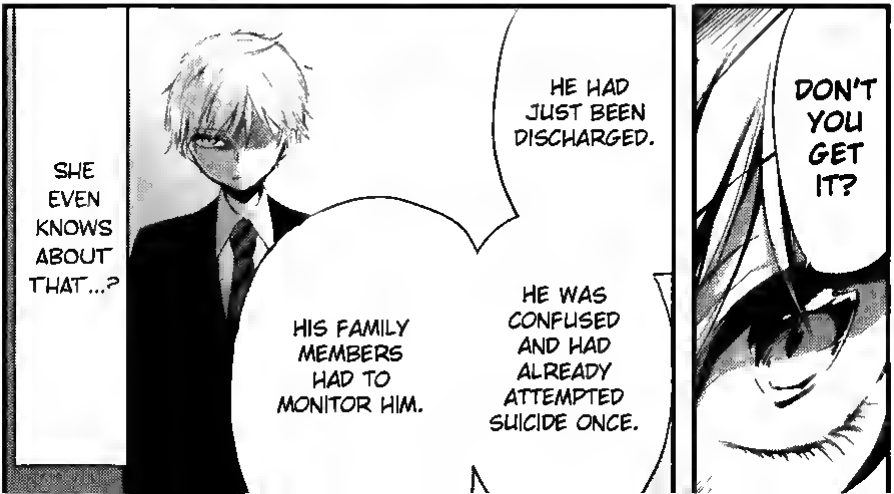
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL THAT COULD'VE HAPPENED!
NO WAY IN HELL, HUH?
AND WHAT ARE YOU BASING THAT ON?

BECAUSE I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT MY SISTER... THAT HARUKA...
WOULD NOT KILL SOMEONE.
IN THAT CASE, REE-KUN,
LET'S INVESTIGATE HER.
!?
IN SEVEN DAYS, I'LL FIND EVIDENCE THAT PROVES YOUR LITTLE SISTER IS, IN FACT, THE CULPRIT.
AND DURING THAT TIME, YOU'LL HAVE TO PROVE SHE'S INNOCENT.

YES, REE-KUN, BUT IN THIS CASE...
THE CULPRIT DID NOT TAKE THE VICTIM'S LIFE WITH HIS OWN HANDS.
PROVE WHAT? IT WAS TAGGED AS A SUICIDE, YOU KNOW.

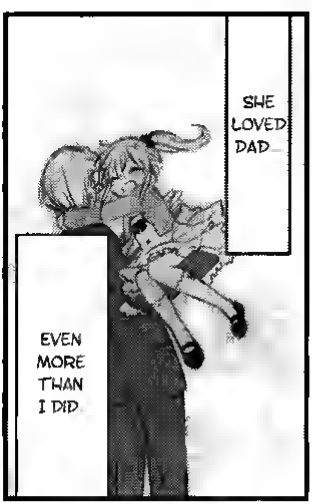
IN FINDING THE MEANS TO KILL HIMSELF.
THERE WAS SOMEONE
WHO ASSISTED YOUR FATHER...


SHE EVEN KNOWS ABOUT THAT...?
HE HAD JUST BEEN DISCHARGED.
HIS FAMILY MEMBERS HAD TO MONITOR HIM.
HE WAS CONFUSED AND HAD ALREADY ATTEMPTED SUICIDE ONCE.
DON'T YOU GET IT?

BUT WHY WOULD HIS THREE FAMILY MEMBERS JUST IDLY SIT BY?
ISN'T THE ONE WHO COULDN'T STOP HIM FROM JUMPING THE MOST SUSPICIOUS?
AND WHO WAS THAT?
HE HE HE! YOU'VE GOT MORE SPUNK THAN I GAVE YOU CREDIT FOR.
AND YOU KNOW, THAT QUESTION'S THE MOST MEANING-LESS OF ALL
OF COURSE SHE WOULDN'T TELL ME
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A FRIEND OR RELATIVE. THAT OR A LOVER

NO.
THERE'S NO WAY HE'D HAVE ONE.
IF HE HAD BEEN SLICK ENOUGH TO PULL SOMETHING LIKE THAT OFF
HE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO EASILY FOOLED INTO SHOULDERING DEBT

BUT THERE'S DEFINITELY NO WAY
THAT HARUKA IS THE CULPRIT


SHE LOVED DAD
EVEN MORE THAN I DID

SHE WOULD NEVER GIVE UP ON SOMEONE SHE WAS CLOSE TO

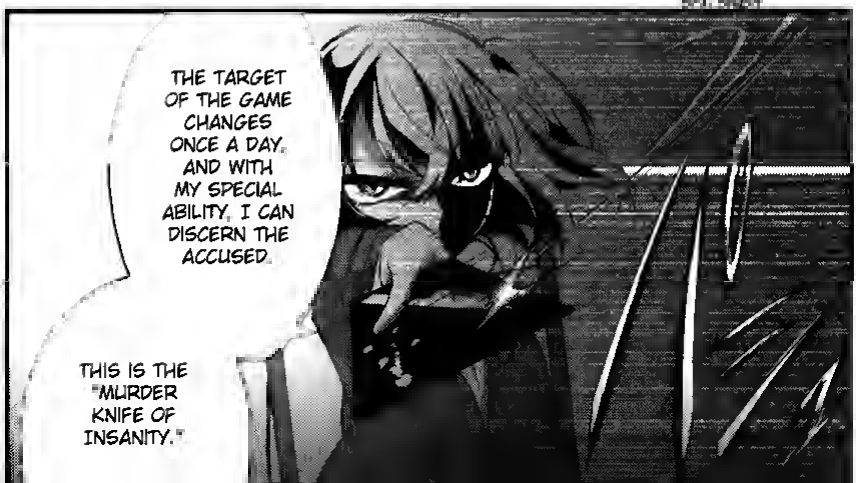
IF SHE WERE TO KILL HIM,
IT WOULD BE BY COMMITTING SUICIDE TOGETHER

THAT IS THE KIND OF PERSON SHE IS

KILL HER?
WELL IF, ON TOP OF BEING ASKED, IT REALLY WAS YOUR SISTER,
I WOULD HAVE TO KILL HER.
KILL HARUKA?

FLIP
FIRST OFF, THE CARD WE'LL BOTH USE IS...

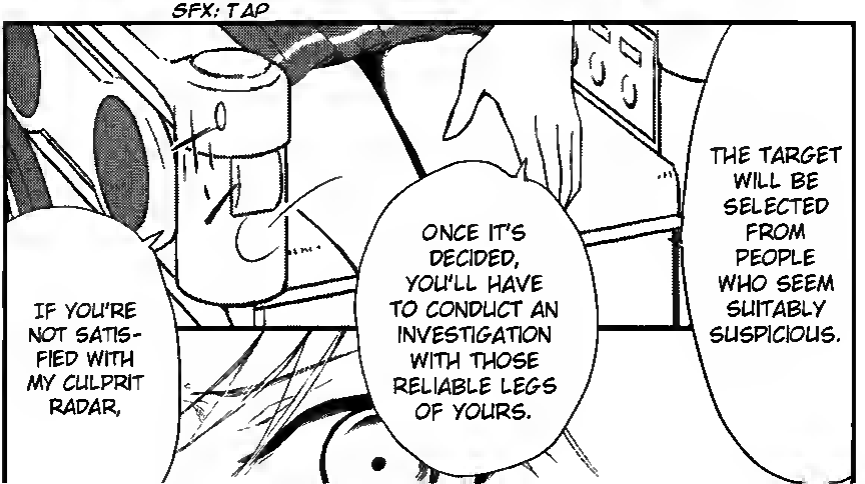
THE "KILLER CARD."

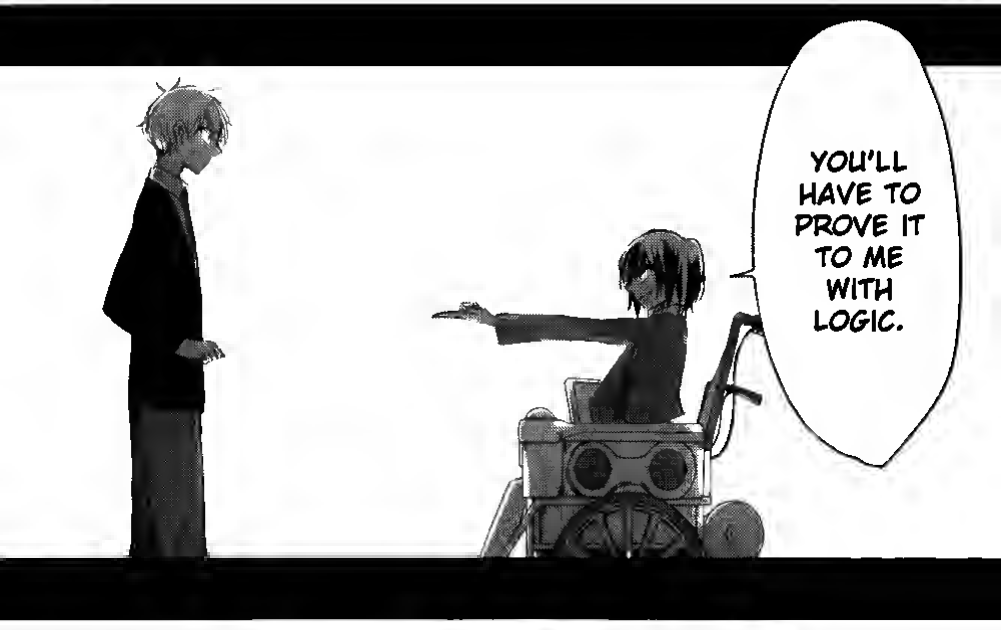

THE TARGET OF THE GAME CHANGES ONCE A DAY, AND WITH MY SPECIAL ABILITY, I CAN DISCERN THE ACCUSED.
THIS IS THE "MURDER KNIFE OF INSANITY."

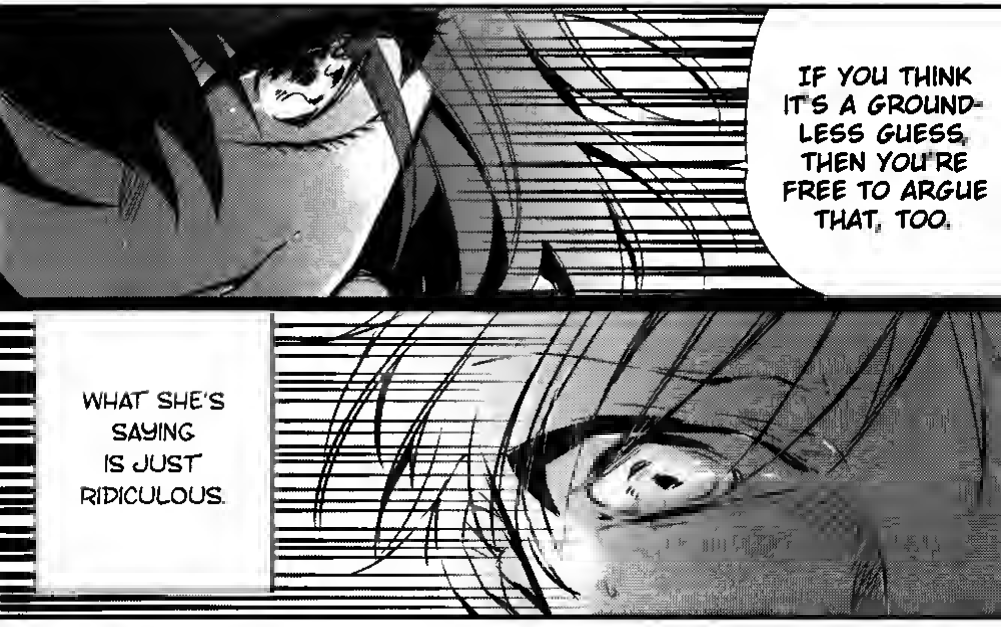
I NEVER TOLD YOU? WHEN I USE MY SPECIAL ABILITY, I CAN TELL WHO THE CULPRIT IS IN ONE GUESS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "DISCERN"...?

.....
ONCE I DO, I'LL TELL YOU WHETHER THAT DAY'S TARGET IS BLACK OR WHITE.

SFX: TAP

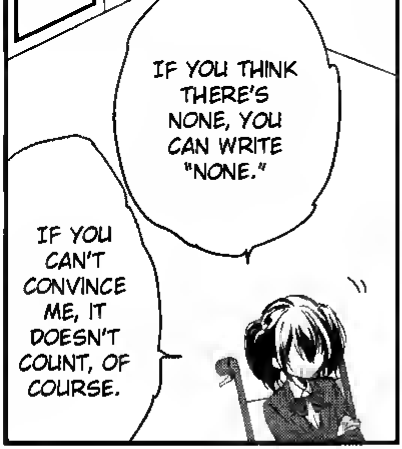

IF YOU'RE NOT SATISFIED WITH MY CULPRIT RADAR,
ONCE IT'S DECIDED, YOU'LL HAVE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE RELIABLE LEGS OF YOURS.
THE TARGET WILL BE SELECTED FROM PEOPLE WHO SEEM SUITABLY SUSPICIOUS.


YOU'LL HAVE TO PROVE IT TO ME WITH LOGIC.


IF YOU THINK IT'S A GROUNDLESS GUESS, THEN YOU'RE FREE TO ARGUE THAT, TOO.
WHAT SHE'S SAYING IS JUST RIDICULOUS.

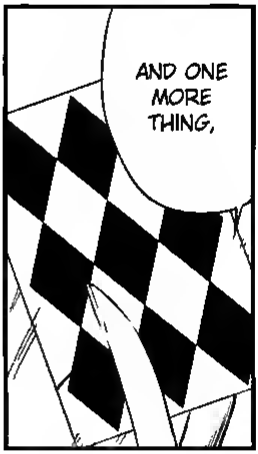
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN APPLY CLEAR LOGIC TO DISPROVE SUPERSTI-TIONS LIKE SPECIAL ABILITIES.
IN YOUR CASE, THERE ARE THREE HANDS YOU CAN BE DEALT.
FWIP
CATCH
A KNIFE CARD!
Murderer

ORDINARILY, IT WOULDN'T BE MUCH OF A GAME IF THERE WERE JUST TWO PEOPLE AND ONE HAD A KNIFE
Murderer
THERE'S SOMETHING WRITTEN ON IT...?
IT'S THE KNIFE CARD'S CONDITION.
THIS IS SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR "DETECTIVE MURDER GAME".
"MURDERER."
Murderer
WRITE THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO YOU THINK IS THE REAL CRIMINAL AND HAND IT TO ME.
IF YOU MANAGE TO GET THE SAME ANSWER AS ME, THE KNIFE WILL ACTIVATE.


IF YOU THINK THERE'S NONE, YOU CAN WRITE "NONE."
IF YOU CAN'T CONVINCE ME, IT DOESN'T COUNT, OF COURSE.

THE "MURDERER" SO IN OTHER WORDS, THE CULPRIT...
WHAT HAPPENS IF I THINK THERE'S NO CULPRIT...?

THERE'S A ANOTHER KNIFE CARD YOU CAN GET.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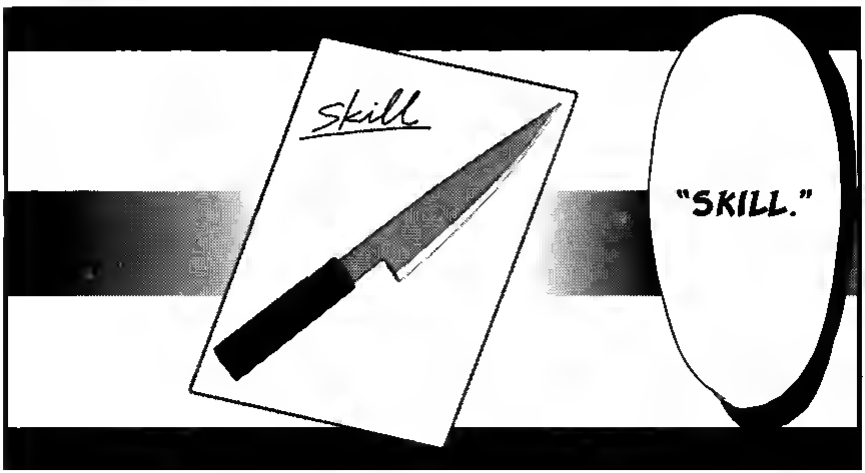
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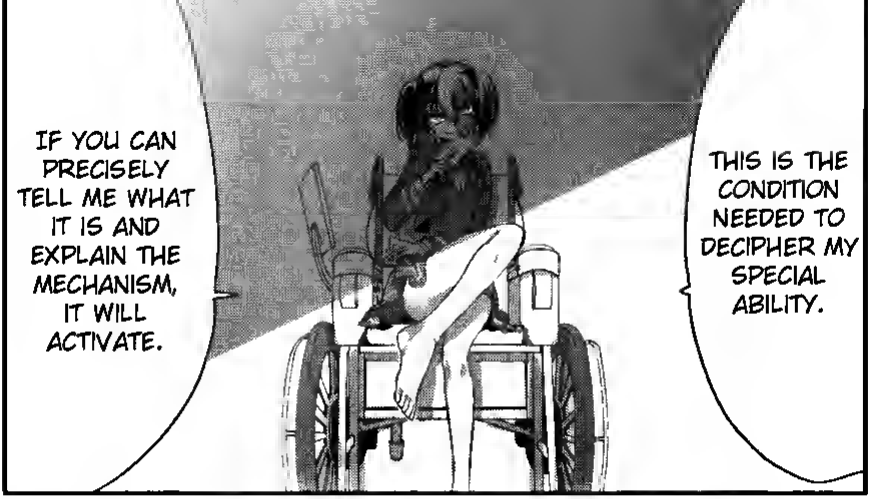
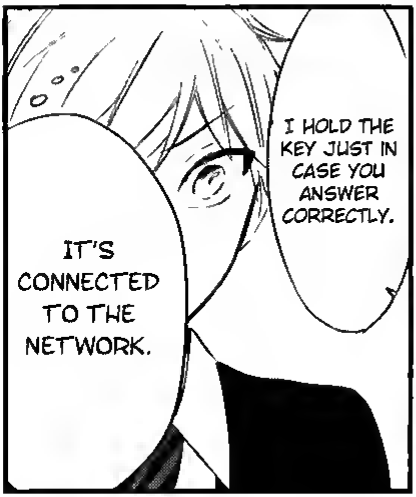
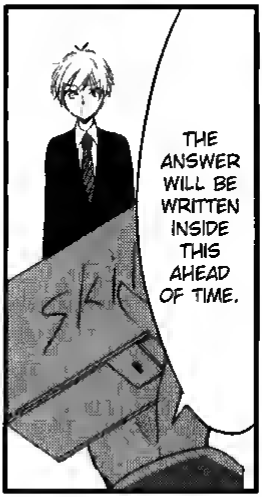
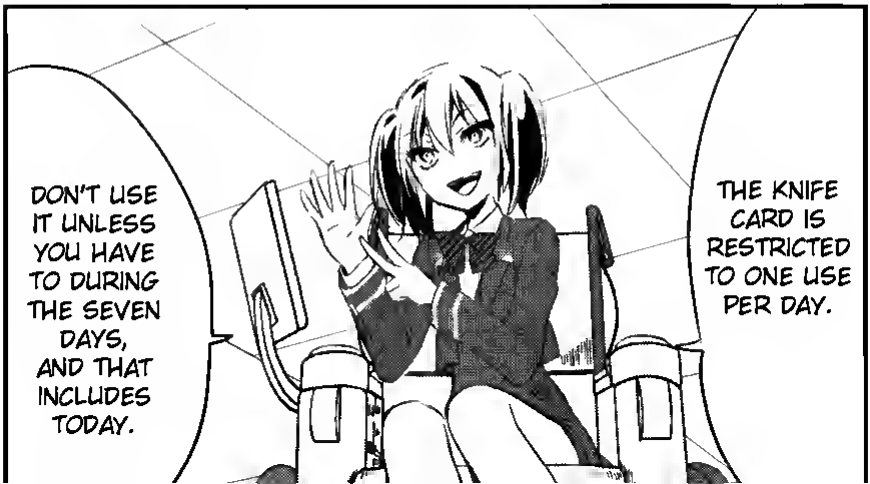
"SKILL."


IF YOU CAN PRECISELY TELL ME WHAT IT IS AND EXPLAIN THE MECHANISM, IT WILL ACTIVATE.
THIS IS THE CONDITION NEEDED TO DECIPHER MY SPECIAL ABILITY.


IT'S CONNECTED TO THE NETWORK.
I HOLD THE KEY JUST IN CASE YOU ANSWER CORRECTLY.

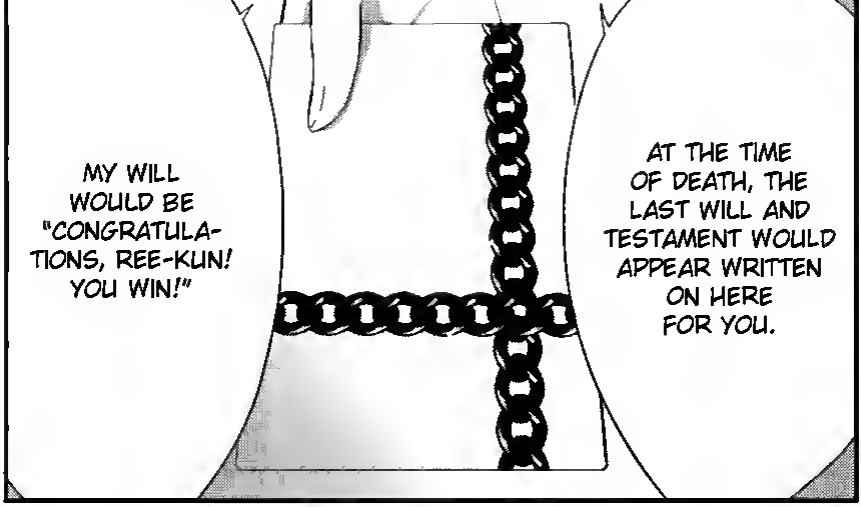

THE ANSWER WILL BE WRITTEN INSIDE THIS AHEAD OF TIME.

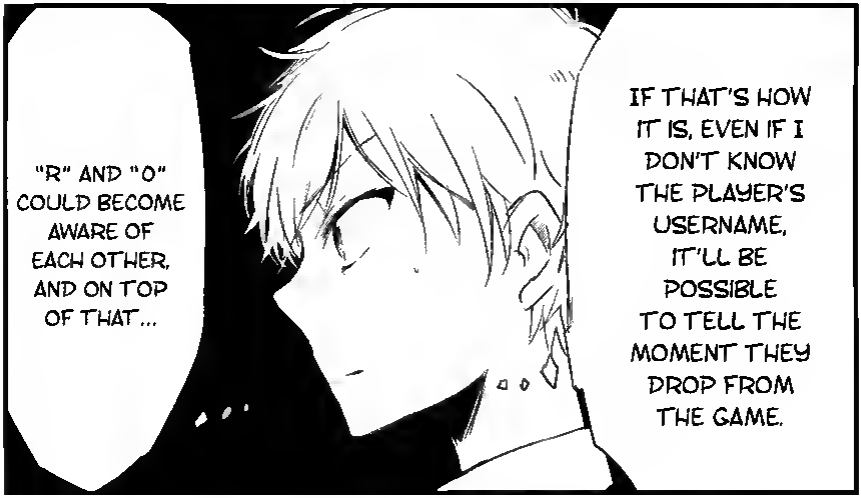
SLIP
CLACK

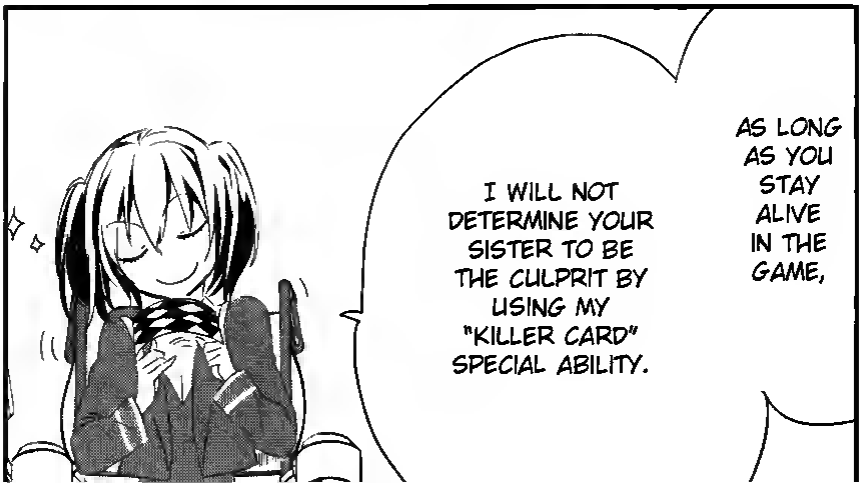

DON'T USE IT UNLESS YOU HAVE TO DURING THE SEVEN DAYS, AND THAT INCLUDES TODAY.
THE KNIFE CARD IS RESTRICTED TO ONE USE PER DAY.

THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE YOUR SISTER'S LIFE,
IS TO KILL ME WITH EITHER OF THESE KNIVES,
BEFORE I NAME HER THE CULPRIT.
SFX: SWISH
AND THERE'S ONE LAST TYPE.
I'LL ALLOW IT AS A WAY TO PROTECT YOUR SISTER FROM MY "KILLER CARD" OF DISCERNMENT:
"CHAIN LOCK."

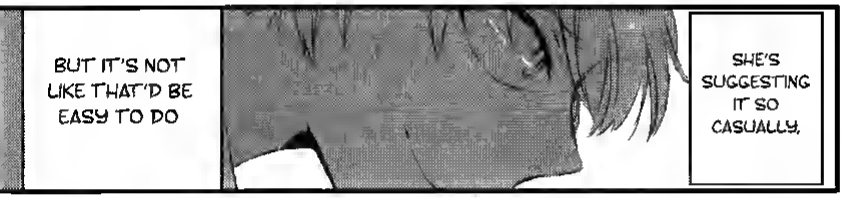
FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS, THERE WILL BE A RE-MATCH OF THE "DETECTIVE MURDER GAME" OVER THE NET-WORK.
ITS CONDI-TIONS OF USE ARE SIMPLE.
WHAT?

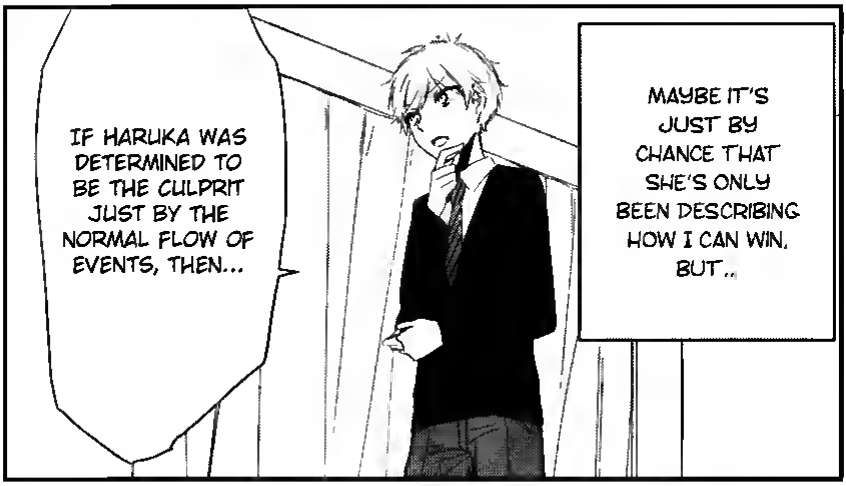

MY WILL WOULD BE "CONGRATULATIONS, REE-KUN! YOU WIN!"
AT THE TIME OF DEATH, THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT WOULD APPEAR WRITTEN ON HERE FOR YOU.


"R" AND "O" COULD BECOME AWARE OF EACH OTHER, AND ON TOP OF THAT...
IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, EVEN IF I DON'T KNOW THE PLAYER'S USERNAME, IT'LL BE POSSIBLE TO TELL THE MOMENT THEY DROP FROM THE GAME.


I WILL NOT DETERMINE YOUR SISTER TO BE THE CULPRIT BY USING MY "KILLER CARD" SPECIAL ABILITY.
AS LONG AS YOU STAY ALIVE IN THE GAME,

EVERYTHING WILL BE PERFECTLY FINE.
WELL, AS LONG AS YOU SURVIVE UNTIL THE LAST DAY,


BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT'D BE EASY TO DO
SHE'S SUGGESTING IT SO CASUALLY.


IF HARUKA WAS DETERMINED TO BE THE CULPRIT JUST BY THE NORMAL FLOW OF EVENTS, THEN...
MAYBE IT'S JUST BY CHANCE THAT SHE'S ONLY BEEN DESCRIBING HOW I CAN WIN. BUT...

I CAN'T WIN THE GAME WITH MY "KILLER CARD."
YEAH, I WON'T KILL HER.

DO YOU REALLY...
UNDER-STAND "THAT"?
OH, AND I WON'T ACCEPT CIRCUM-STANTIAL EVIDENCE OR A CON-FESSION.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF ABILITY YOU HAVE,
BUT CAN YOU GUARANTEE THAT YOU WON'T JUST PICK RANDOM-
REE-KUN.

DO YOU THINK IT'S JUST COINCIDENCE THAT I HAVE THREE HUNDRED CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES IN THIS GAME?
OR MAYBE YOU THINK I'M A FRAUD?

I'M NOT SAYING IT'S A COINCIDENCE. YOU'RE PROBABLY JUST FOOLING EVERYONE IN A WAY NO ONE HAS FIGURED OUT.
I'M CONFIDENT IN MY ABILITY TO STIR HER UP.
BUT THIS IS SOMETHING I CAN'T GIVE UP ON EITHER.

AND AS FOR WHY, IT'S BECAUSE...

SFX: SHIVER
I'VE BEEN WAITING TO HEAR THOSE WORDS, REE-KUN.
FU-FU-FU-FU-FU
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO HEAR THEM FOR SO LONG.

JUST TRY AND OUT-SMART ME
WITH YOUR PERSPICACITY, YOUR LIES, AND YOUR DECEPTIONS.
IT'LL BE GREAT IF YOU TRY TO KILL ME.

AND IN RETURN,
I'LL SEE THROUGH THEM ALL. THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY.
ALL THE WAY DOWN TO YOUR TRUE COLORS, WHICH HAVE SO FAR ELUDED ME.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, REE-KUN.

LET OUR "DETECTIVE MURDER GAME" BEGIN!
AND NOW,

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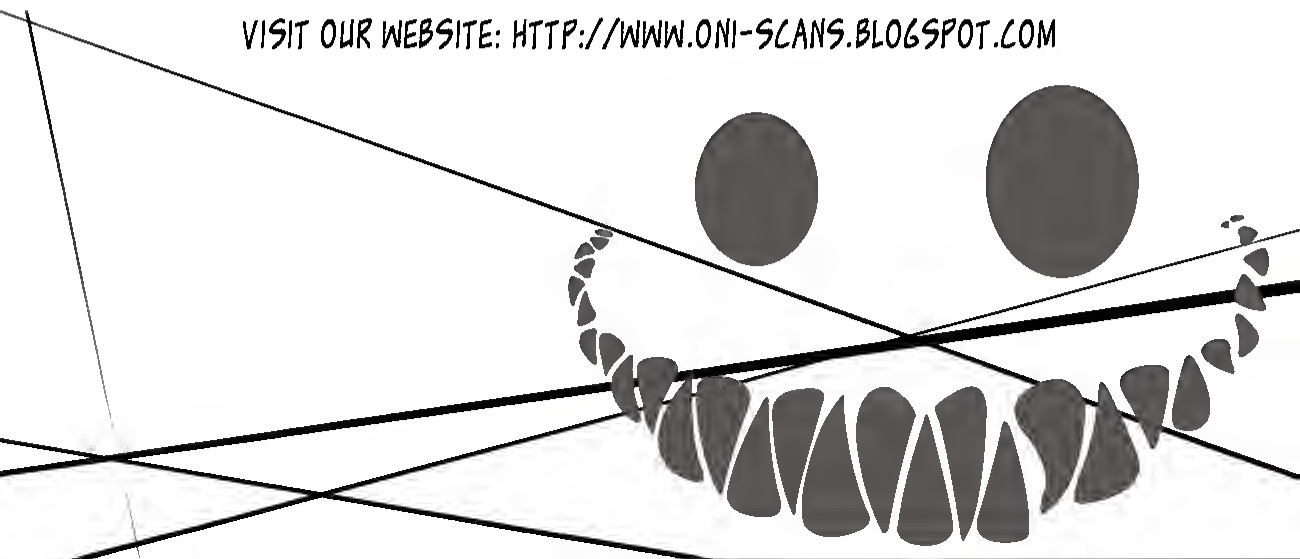

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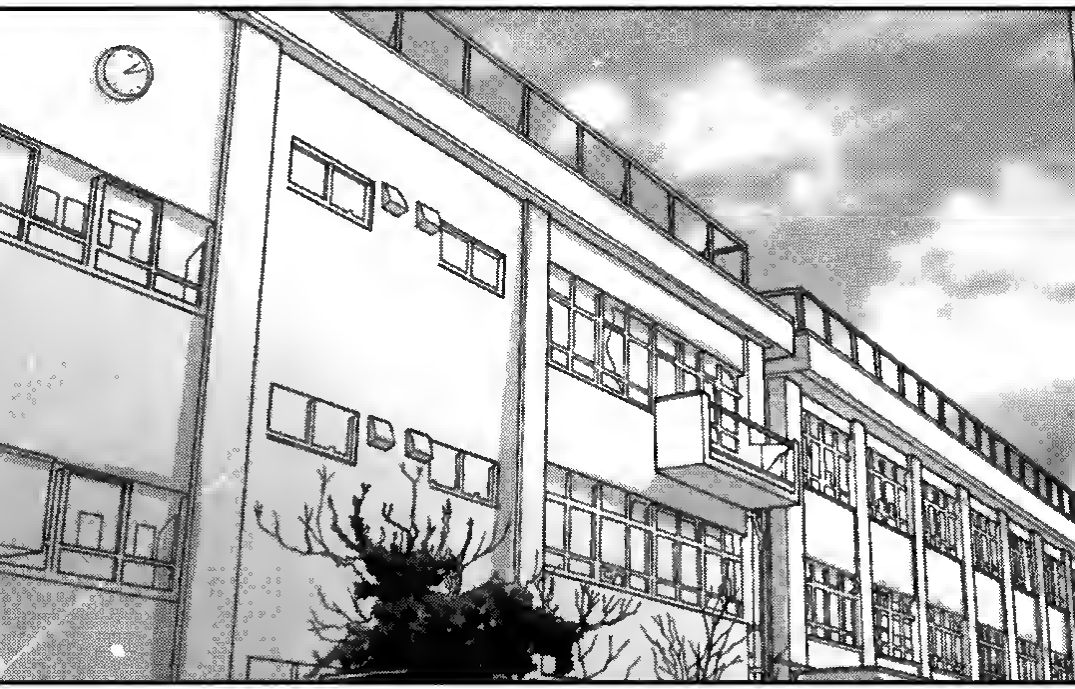
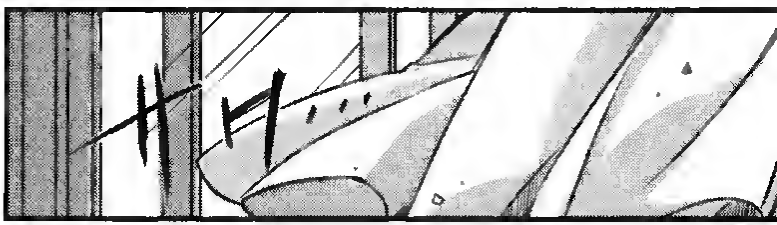
ONI-SCANS HAS MERGED WITH JAIMINIS BOX SCANS.

THIS IS A EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT
SORRY FOR THE TERRIBLE TSING
I COMPLETED THIS IN 3 HOURS

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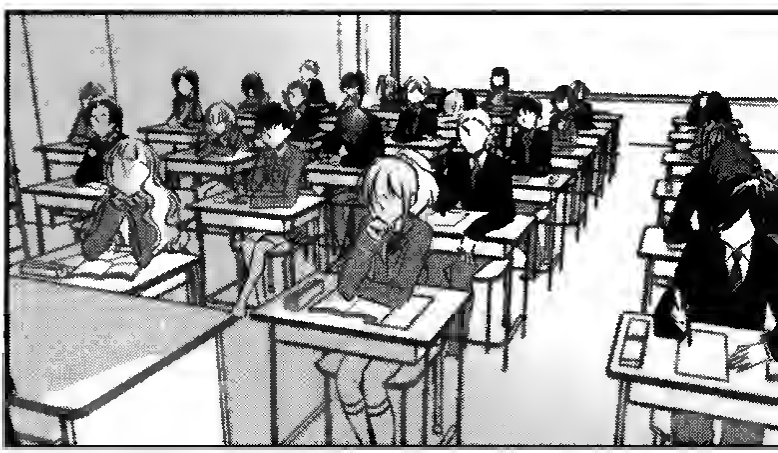

SO MUCH FOR SLEEPING IN SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE...

IN THE END...
NEITHER MOM NOR HARUKA RETURNED HOME LAST NIGHT.
MAYBE SHE WENT TO TATSUYA'S HOUSE?
KIMIZUTSUKI!
STARTLED
HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO SLEEP?! LET'S SEE YOU SOLVE THE PROBLEM ON PAGE 139 OF YOUR TEXTBOOK!
BAM

SHOULD ...
I WAKE HER UP?
X=-1 AND 3 - 1...

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pusillanimous

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SENSEI-SAMA?
RUB
RUB
YAWN
AT LEAST TELL ME IF MY ANSWER IS CORRECT OR NOT.

Doze
WHAT THE...?
IT'S NOT EVEN A MATTER OF...
SHUSH -ING THE TEACHER THROUGH HER GENIUS.

SHE ANSWERED WITHOUT EVEN SEEING THE PROBLEM.

IS THIS RIKAI'S ABILITY?

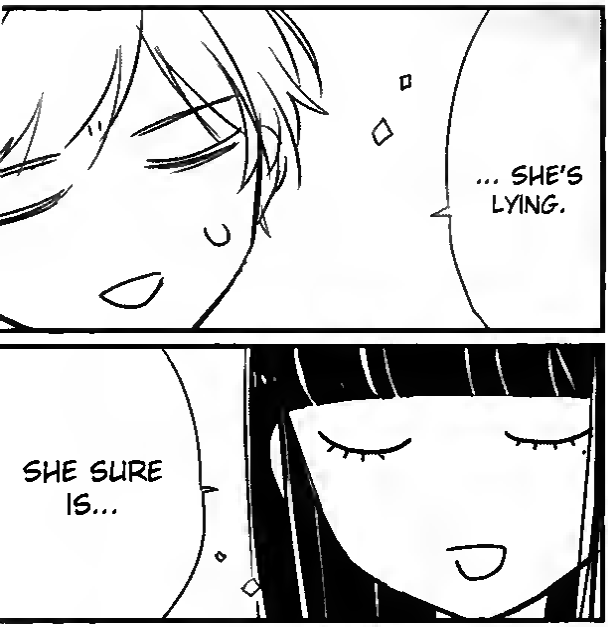
CORRECT, HUH...
DAMN...
COINCIDENCE?
SHE ALSO PREDICTED HARUKA'S TIME OF ARRIVAL LAST NIGHT.

CAN I REALLY...
...WIN AGAINST HER?

SFX: DING DONG DING DONG

I ENDED UP SKIPPING CLASS.
IT'S NOT ABOUT BEING ABLE TO DO IT OR NOT...
LYING IS QUITE VEXING.
AH, BUT MY HEAD HURTS.
WASN'T SHE AMAZ -ING?

PERHAPS I'D ASK YOUR GIRLFRIEND FOR HELP IF EVER THERE'S A LESSON I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
NOT YOU TOO, MIYAKOSHI -SAN. GIVE ME A BREAK.


... SHE'S LYING.

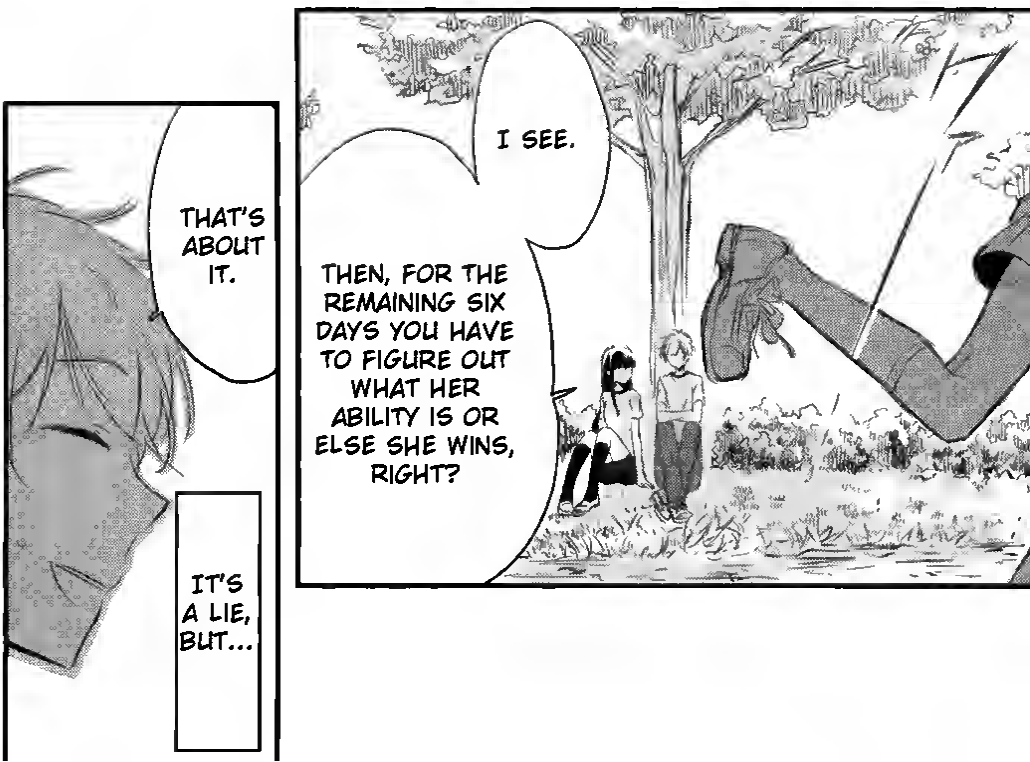
SHE SURE IS...

APPARENTLY SHE'S ON HER PERIOD SO SHE'S SLEEPING IN THE INFIRMARY.
chuckle chuckle
WHERE'S RIKAI?
Girls' have Basketball for PE, right?

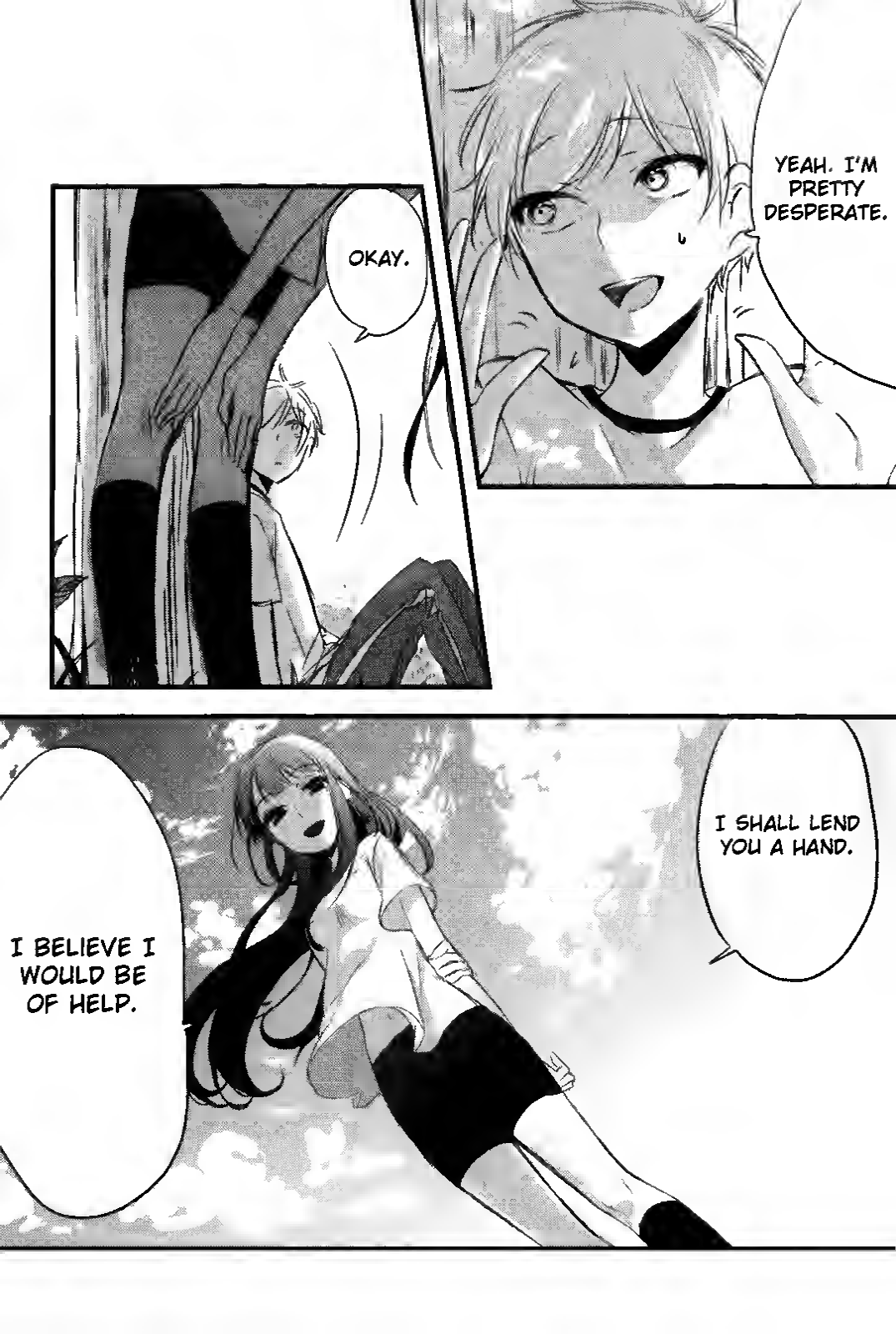
DID SHE GET AHOLD OF YOUR WEAKNESS, PERHAPS?
WHY ARE YOU MAKING SUCH A GLOOMY FACE?
SO?
AHAHAHAHAHAHA...
ドキィ
SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES, BUT A BIT DIFFERENT.
Uh-huh...
WILL IT CAUSE YOU TROUBLE IF YOU TELL ME?

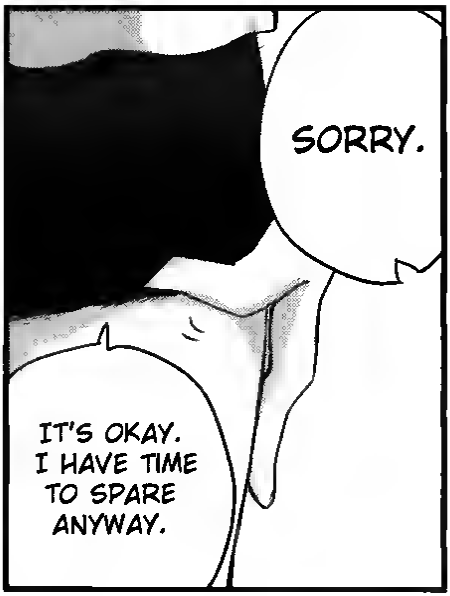
OF COURSE IT WILL.
THAT'S NOT IT...
BUT...
TO BE HONEST, I'M IN DISTRESS.
MY SISTER IS SUSPECTED OF MURDER.
AND IF I LOSE, MY SISTER WOULD GET KILLED.

IT WON'T HURT TO HAVE AN ALLY.
ONE THING LED TO ANOTHER, YOU SEE.
NO
RATHER, IT'S A MUST TO HAVE ONE.
IT'S JUST, SHE AND I DECIDED TO HAVE A BET.


I SEE.
THEN, FOR THE REMAINING SIX DAYS YOU HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HER ABILITY IS OR ELSE SHE WINS, RIGHT?
THAT'S ABOUT IT.
IT'S A LIE, BUT...

MY, YOU HAVE MY CONDOLENCES.
AND IF YOU WIN?
I REALLY CAN'T SAY MY SISTER IS SUSPECTED OF MURDER.
BY THE WAY, I WILL BECOME HER SLAVE IF I LOSE THIS BET.
I'D RECEIVE A WHOPPING MILLION YEN.
I SEE.
ARE YOU IN A PINCH?


YEAH. I'M PRETTY DESPERATE.
OKAY.
I SHALL LEND YOU A HAND.
I BELIEVE I WOULD BE OF HELP.



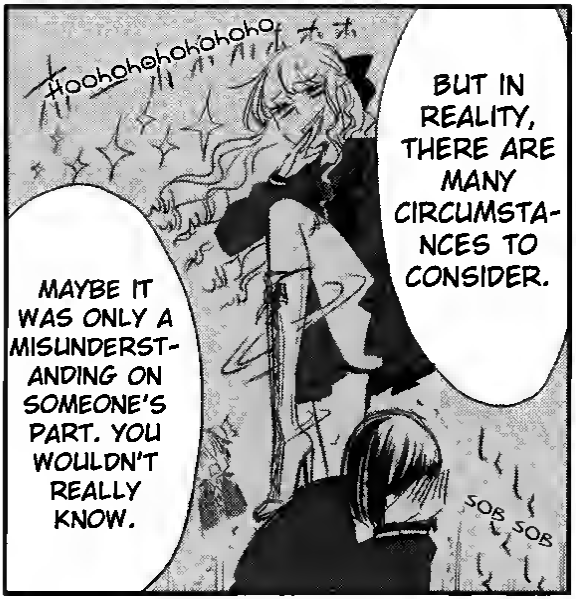
IF ANYTHING, REASONING WILL LEAD YOU TO RUIN.

BECAUSE THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS GAME IS NOT THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH, BUT DECEPTION.

YOU PERCEIVE OTHERS AS 'EVIL'

WHILE YOU COVER UP YOUR OWN SIN.

EVEN SO, 'DETECTIVE MURDER GAME' IS A WEIRD TITLE.
IS IT?
IT IS.
IT'S AS IF THE DETECTIVE DOES THE KILLING OR IS THE ONE WHO GETS KILLED.
IT'S A DEFIANCE OF LOGIC, A VIOLATION OF LAWS.
...BUT IT'S QUITE DIFFERENT IN REALITY.
EH?


Hoohohohohohoho
BUT IN REALITY, THERE ARE MANY CIRCUMSTANCES TO CONSIDER.
MAYBE IT WAS ONLY A MISUNDERSTANDING ON SOMEONE'S PART. YOU WOULDN'T REALLY KNOW.
SOB SOB

IN STORIES AND GAMES, THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.

...

GOOD GUYS GET ARRESTED. BAD GUYS DON'T GET CAUGHT.

WE TRY TO FIGURE OUT THE TRUTH,
BASED ON HEARSAYS OR THE NEWS.
BUT MOST OF THOSE ARE PROBABLY INACCURATE.

IN THE MIDST OF ALL LIES,

WE LIVE BY CHOOSING THE 'TRUTH' OURSELVES.

YOU SUDDENLY SAY DEEP THINGS.
IN OTHER WORDS, 'REALITY' IS 'THE CULPRIT DECEIVING THE DETECTIVE'?
I BELIEVE THAT'S PROBABLY THE TRUE NATURE OF THE GAME.
YOU ARE TRAPPED IN A DESOLATED ISLAND ALONG WITH STRANGERS
WHILE FEARING DEATH AND
BEING FRIGHTENED OF OTHERS.
YOU FAKE OUT THE IDENTITY OF THE CULPRIT
AND FALSIFY JUSTICE.

FUFU
TSUZUKI-KUN, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE QUITE THE POET.
AM I?
YOU ARE.
It's almost time for the next match ♪
Blush

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I DON'T INVOLVE OTHERS.

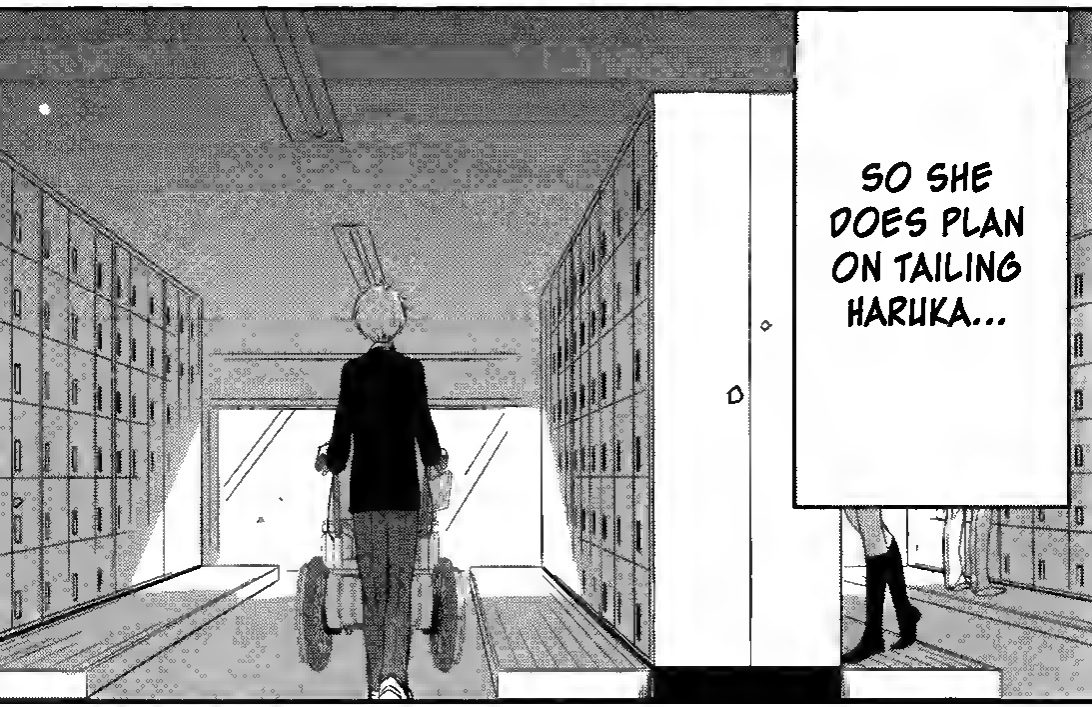
BUT IF HARUKA'S AND MY PAST WERE TO BE DUG UP MORE THAN THIS...

IT
HURTS...

pat
Ding-dong
ding-dong
REGARDING OUR PARTICIPATION IN 'DETECTIVE MURDER GAME', WHICH WE HAVEN'T DONE FOR QUITE SOME TIME...
I KNOW.
WE HAVE TO USE DIFFERENT USERNAMES, OR ELSE IT'S ALL MEANINGLESS.

SO...
WHAT TIME DO WE START?
I HAVE TO LET MIYAKOSHI-SAN KNOW, TOO...

FUFU
LET'S PLAY LATE AT NIGHT.
WHY DON'T WE GO ON A LOVEY-DOVEY DATE WHILE WE WAIT FOR YOUR DEAR SISTER'S CLUB ACTIVITIES TO FINISH?
'CLUB ACTIVITIES TO FINISH', HUH...


SO SHE DOES PLAN ON TAILING HARUKA...

THIS SCENT ...
Rattle
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HEY THERE, WITCH!
HOW ARE YOU DOING?
HAVE YOU FINISHED THE HOMEWORK I ASKED YOU TO DO?
THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN SCHOOL, KISAKI KIRINA-SAN.

'QUEEN'
Chill
AH, THE LONG-AWAITED ENCOUNTER.
IT HAD TO BE WHEN I'M WITH RIKAI. WHAT TIMING.
THESE TWO WOULD BE LIKE OIL AND WATER...

Jeez I was looking for you!
WE'RE GOING TO A KARAOKE WITH STUDENTS FROM A NEARBY SCHOOL.
YOU'RE COMING, RIGHT?

RIGHT!
IT WON'T BE AS FUN WITHOUT TSUZUKI-KUN!
EVEN HER CRONIES ...

I'M SURE YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH.
TAKING CARE OF THIS WEIRD PERSON, THAT IS.
MY, IT MUST BE HARD BEING THE CLASS REP.
JUST LEAVE THAT GIRL TO SENSEI.
COME ON...
GIVE ADVICE TO OUR TROUBLES.
FINE. I GUESS I'LL KEEP THEM COMPANY...

SHUT YOUR TRAPS, GARBAGE.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO DEAL WITH TRASH LIKE YOU.
REE-KUN AND I HAVE SOME IMPORTANT TALK TO DO.
GET LOST.

WHY, YOU. DON'T GET TOO COCKY.
DON'T THINK EVERYONE'S GONNA BE NICE TO YOU JUST 'CAUSE YOU'VE RECENTLY RECOVERED FROM SOME SICKNESS
KUKUKU
!?
FOR SOMEONE WHO PUTS ON HEAVY MAKE-UP, IT SURE PEELED OFF FAST.
GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, SCUM. THE TEACHERS CAN SEE US FROM THE FACULTY ROOM, YOU KNOW?

TSK
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BUTTED IN!
WHAT ARE YOU TO WITCH ANYWAY?
REE-KUN, LET'S GO. YOU'LL CATCH THEIR STUPIDITY.
O-OKAY..?
BRATS ARE JUST SO HELPLESS.

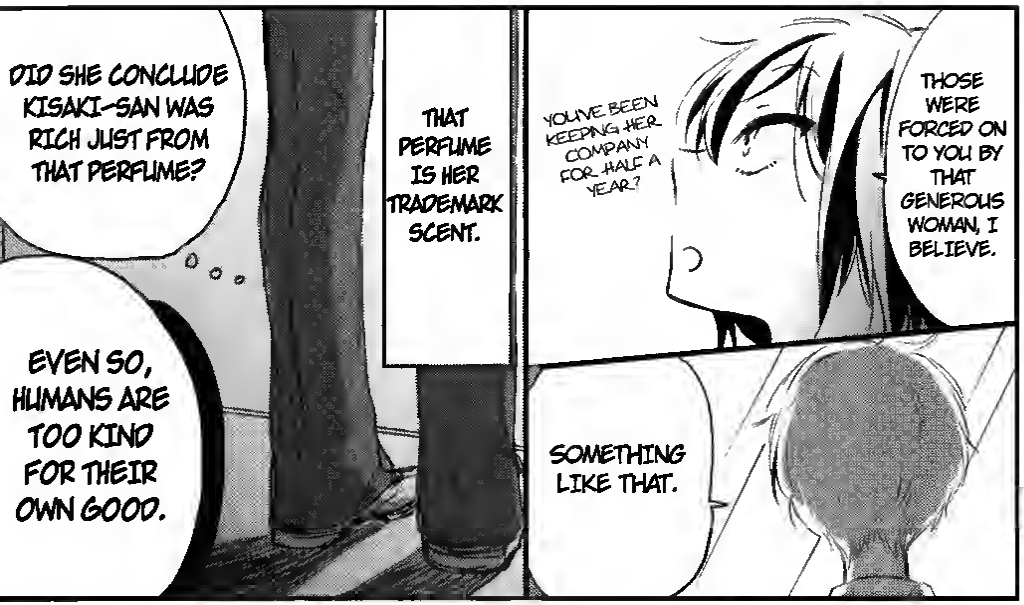
PEOPLE LIKE YOU SHOULD JUST MEEKLY WALK ON THE BACKGROUND! AND YET YOU ACT SO ARROGANT--
AREN'T YOU MISTAKING THE KINDNESS YOU RECEIVE FROM OTHERS AS SOMETHING GIVEN?!
DID YOU HEAR THAT, REE-KUN?
SURPRISED
I'M ARROGANT, APPARENTLY. ARROGANT? ME?
HA
YOU MAKE ME LAUGH.
THAT'S RICH, COMING FROM SOME TRASH WHO THINKS MONEY AND FAMILY INFLUENCE COULD BUY POPULARITY. WHAT NONSENSE.

ANY -MORE THAN THIS,
WOULD BE VERY BAD.
I'M SORRY, KISAKI -SAN.
LET ME MAKE UP FOR THIS!
KO!!!
I'LL REMEM -BER THIS.
HUH...?
SILENCE

HOW DID RIKAI KNOW THAT KISAKI-SAN IS RICH, WHEN IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY MET?

YOU ARE QUITE THE NICE GUY.
SAY, REE-KUN!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WELL, YOU PRETEND TO BE FLATTER THAT SCUM.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
THEY INVITE ME SO I KEEP THEM COMPANY...

YEAH, RIGHT.
IT HAS ONLY BEEN TWO DAYS SINCE I MET YOU,
BUT I CAN CLEARLY SEE THAT THAT TYPE OF WOMAN STRESSES YOU OUT.
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU, WHO'S A HUGE SOURCE OF STRESS FOR ME.
I HAD A BRIEF LOOK OF YOUR ROOM YESTERDAY, AND I SAW WOMEN'S MAGAZINE, PERFUME AND THE LIKE.
I HAVE TROUBLE DEALING WITH KISAKI -SAN.
THE PERFUME HAD THE SAME SCENT AS THAT WOMAN.

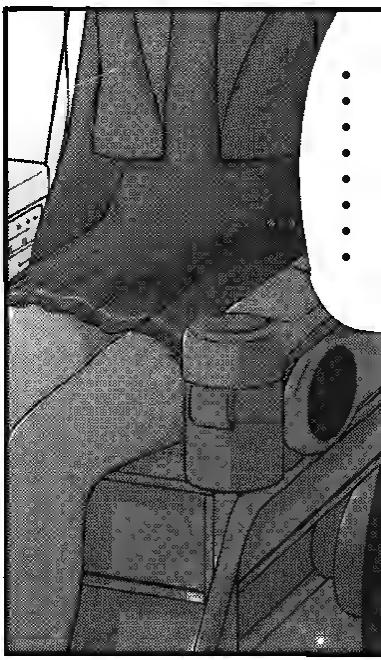

THOSE WERE FORCED ON TO YOU BY THAT GENEROUS WOMAN, I BELIEVE.
YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING HER COMPANY FOR HALF A YEAR?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
THAT PERFUME IS HER TRADEMARK SCENT.
DID SHE CONCLUDE KISAKI-SAN WAS RICH JUST FROM THAT PERFUME?
EVEN SO, HUMANS ARE TOO KIND FOR THEIR OWN GOOD.

FOR THE SAKE OF SUCKING UP TO THAT WOMAN,
きゃら
きゃら
THEY'D GO SO FAR AS TO MATCH THEIR INTERESTS TO HERS.
SAY, RIKAI.

HAVE YOU EVER LIED?

WHAT A FOOLISH THING TO ASK, REE-KUN.
I ALREADY KNEW THAT.
STRONG PEOPLE LIKE YOU LIE, MAKE BLUFFS AND THREATS TO ATTACK,
AND AT TIMES TO WIN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF PEOPLE.

I LIE IN ORDER TO PROTECT MYSELF.
BUT I AM WEAK.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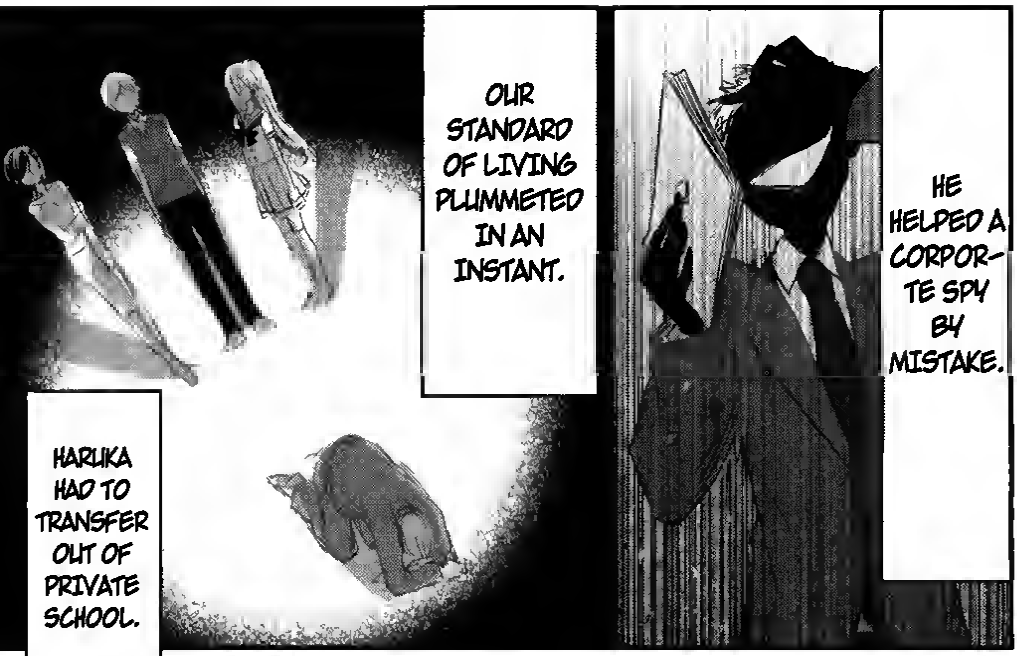
BUT
STRONG PEOPLE CAN LIVE WITHOUT EVEN LYING.

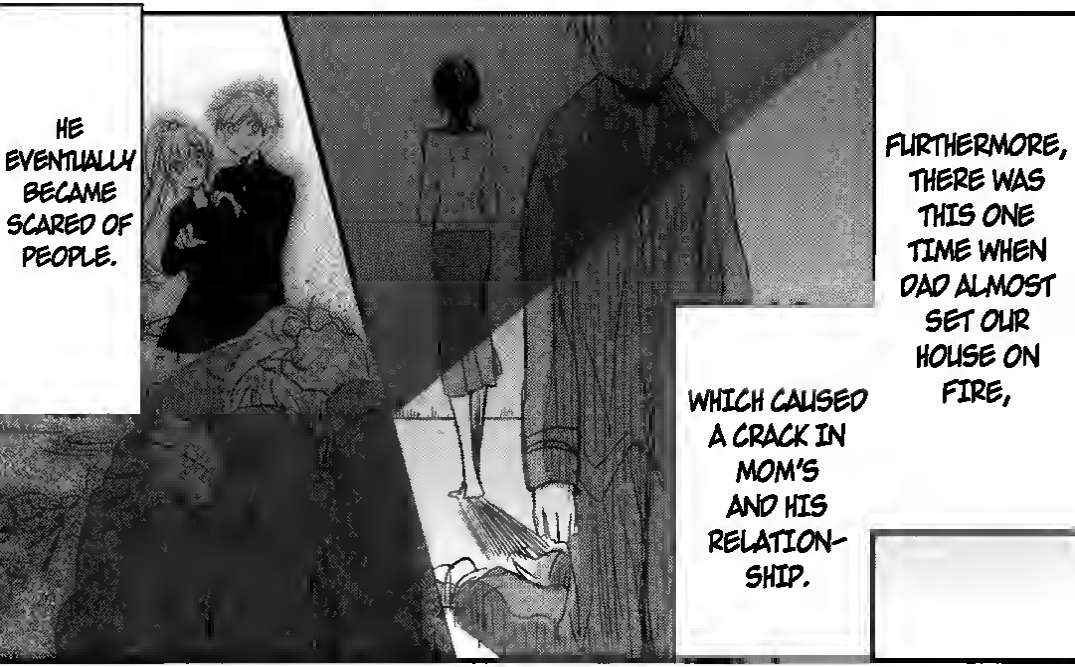
THERE'S A QUESTION I WANT TO ASK NO MATTER WHAT.

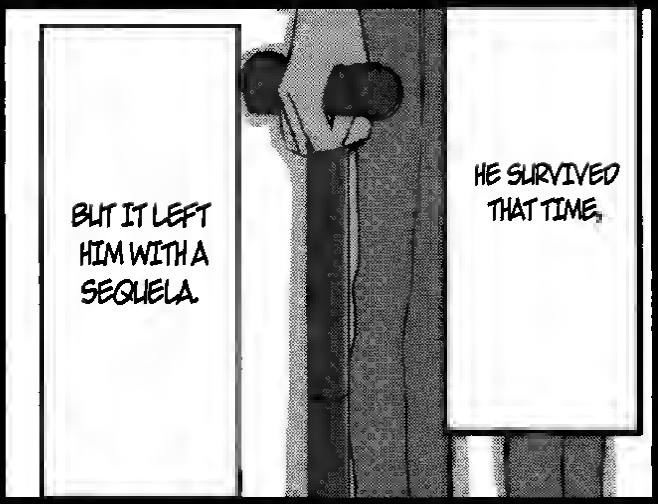
WE'RE HERE.
THIS PLACE IS...

WHERE MY FATHER JUMPED OFF...
TWO YEARS AGO.

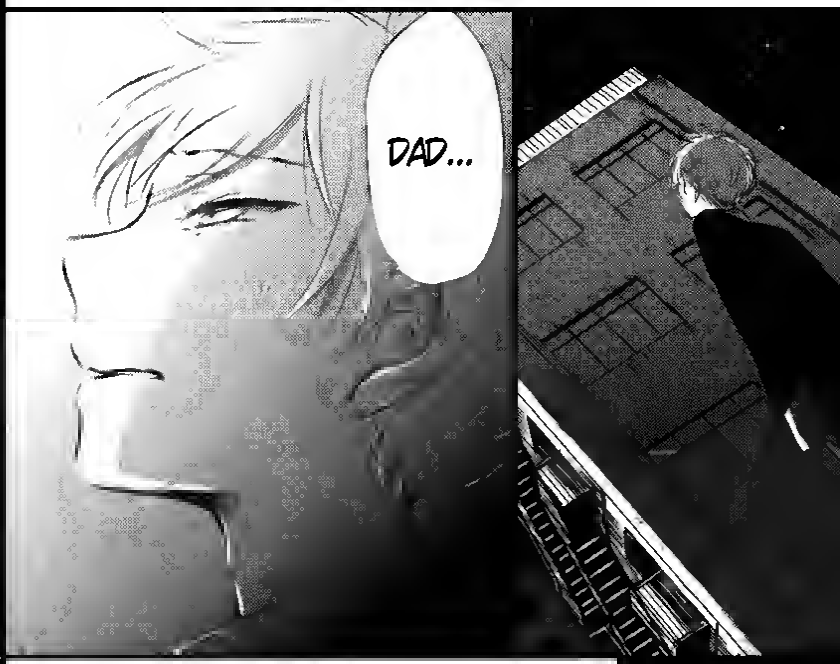
MY DAD WAS ...
HE WAS A WORRYWART, BUT THAT'S PRECISELY WHY ...
AN EARNEST BUT CLUMSY PERSON.
HE WAS A KIND PERSON.
HE WAS WEAK TO PRESSURE.
HIS FRIEND MADE HIM SHOULDER ALL THE DEBTS.
HIS KINDNESS WAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF, AND HE WAS DECEIVED.
ON TOP OF HAVING LEAKED HIS COMPANY'S INFORMATION.


OUR STANDARD OF LIVING PLUMMETED IN AN INSTANT.
HE HELPED A CORPOR-TE SPY BY MISTAKE.
HARUKA HAD TO TRANSFER OUT OF PRIVATE SCHOOL.

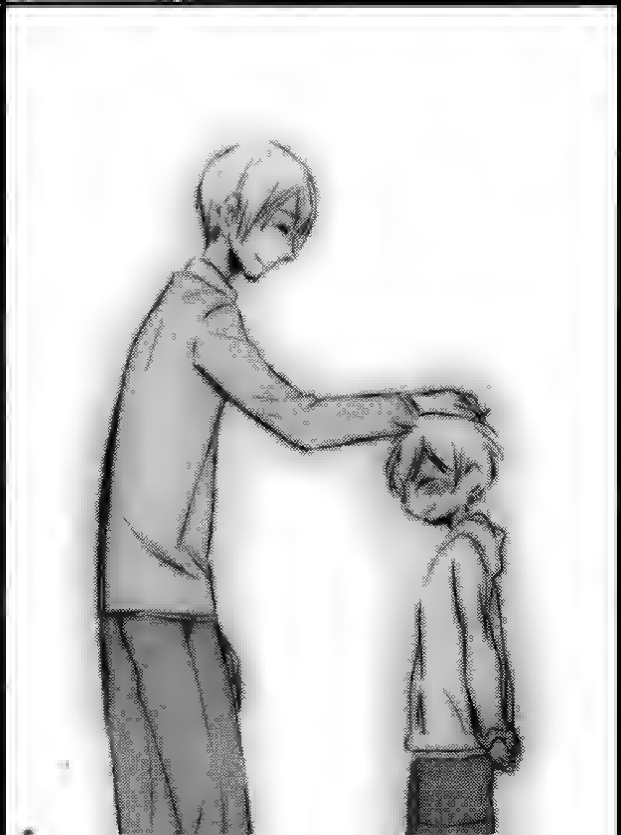

HE EVENTUALLY BECAME SCARED OF PEOPLE.
FURTHERMORE, THERE WAS THIS ONE TIME WHEN DAD ALMOST SET OUR HOUSE ON FIRE,
WHICH CAUSED A CRACK IN MOM'S AND HIS RELATION-SHIP.



HE WAS IN AND OUT OF A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, FACING HIS END.

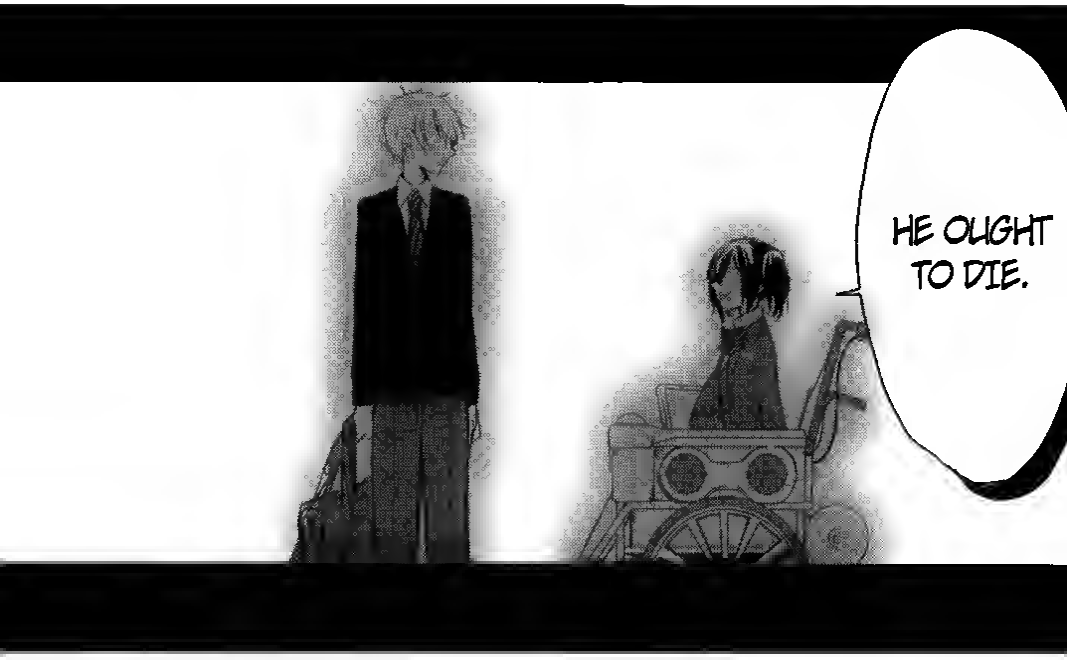


AS TO WHY MY FATHER, WHO WAS DECEIVED YET COULD NOT LIE, HAD TO DIE...



I WANTED TO KNOW THE ANSWER.

REE-KUN, THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE.



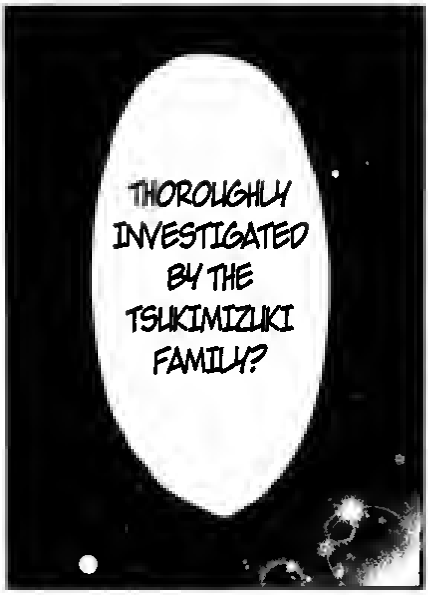
FOOLISH PEOPLE LIKE HIM OUGHT TO DIE.

REE-KUN, HOW COME THE DINOSAURS HAD GONE EXTINCT, YET RATS SURVIVED?
THE FACT THAT HE THOUGHT OF ENDING HIS LIFE IS THE VERY PROOF.
IT'S BECAUSE THEY LOST.
IN SOCIETY, A WORLD BUILT BY HUMANS,
THOSE WHO ARE DEFEATED EITHER HAVE TO CEASE BEING HUMAN OR EXISTING ALTOGETHER.

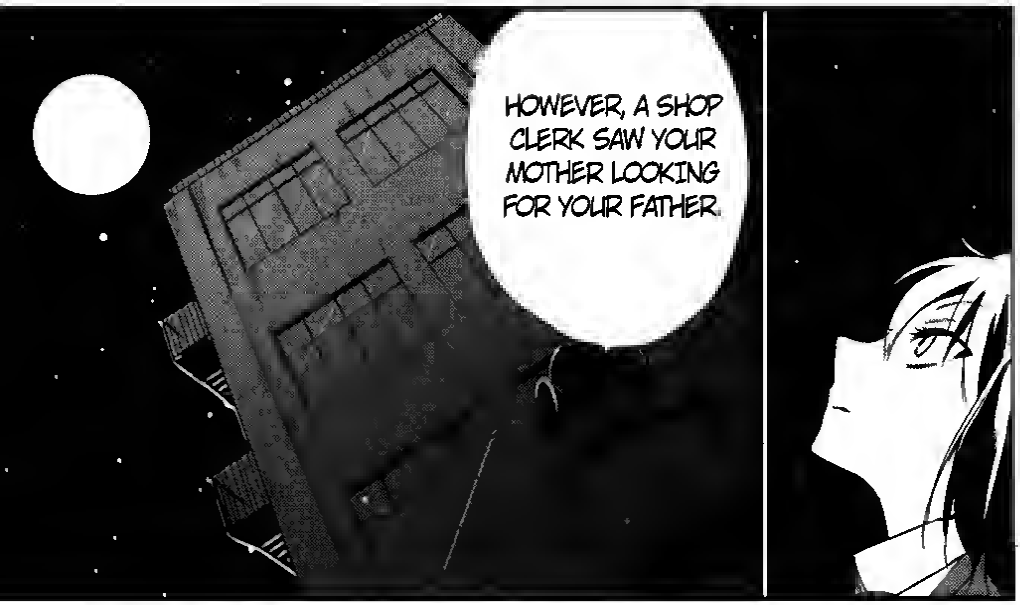
SO THAT IS YOUR ANSWER.
WAS IT DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU EXPECTED?
...NO
IN FACT, I WAS RELIEVED.

IF SHE DIDN'T GIVE THAT ANSWER, I...

REE-KUN, SHALL WE REVIEW...
THE FACTS OF THIS INCIDENT.


THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED BY THE TSUKIMIZUKI FAMILY?

THE DAY THE INCIDENT HAPPENED.
YOUR FAMILY HAD A HAPPY GET-TOGETHER WITH YOUR FATHER, WHO WAS JUST DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL.
AND THEN, YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER WENT OUT TO SHOP.
AFTER-WARDS,
YOU BECAME WORRIED BECAUSE YOUR PARENTS WERE TAKING TOO LONG,
AND LEFT THE HOUSE.
AT THE SAME TIME,
YOUR FATHER INCONSPICUOUSLY DISAPPEARED FROM YOUR MOTHER'S SIGHT.
MEANING
NONE OF YOU HAD AN ALIBI.



WHEN RESIDENTS LIVING WITHIN THE VICINITY HEARD THE SOUND OF IMPACT.

YOUR MOTHER WAS TIME-WISE NOT PRESENT IN THE CRIME SCENE.

ABOVE ALL ELSE, YOUR FATHER'S LIFE INSURANCE HAD EXPIRED
MONTHS BEFORE THE INCIDENT.
HE STILL HAD DEBT, BUT THERE WAS NO LIFE INSURANCE THIS TIME.

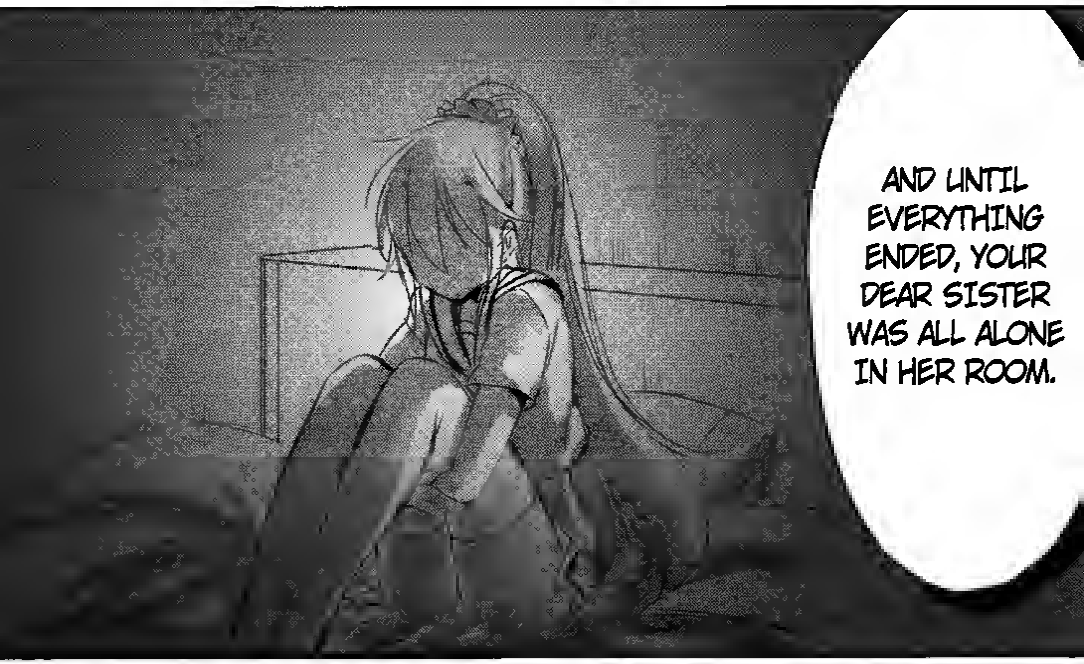
YOUR FATHER WAS A KIND PERSON, SO NO ONE HAD A GRUDGE ON HIM.
THE DEBT COLLECTORS WOULDN'T WANT HIM DEAD, EITHER.
HIS CANE WAS FOUND IN THE CRIME SCENE, BUT ONLY HIS FINGERPRINTS WERE FOUND ON IT.
MOREOVER, YOUR FATHER CANNOT WALK PROPERLY.
HE CANNOT WALK WITHOUT A CANE.

WITH ALL THAT'S BEEN SAID, IT WOULD BE A LOST CAUSE TO EVEN CONSIDER THIS AS HOMICIDE AND SUSPECT SOMEONE.
RIGHT ...
SHALL WE CLIMB UP?
THERE ARE NO TRACES OF THE INCIDENT LEFT, THOUGH. WHAT DO YOU SAY?
...I'LL PASS.
THE VIEW WOULD CERTAINLY BE SUPERB.

I'M NOT IN THE MOOD, AND...
I DON'T LIKE HIGH PLACES.

IS THAT SO?
OH, WELL.
. . .
YOU RETURNED HOME WITHOUT FINDING YOUR FATHER.
YOUR DEAR SISTER WAS NOT HOME. AFTER DOUBLE-CHECKIN G, YOU WENT OUT TO SEARCH AGAIN.
BUT WHEN YOU FOUND YOUR FATHER, HIS CORPSE WAS ALREADY LYING ON THE GROUND.

WAIT. DID YOU SEE YOUR FATHER FALLING FROM THE BUILDING?
REALLY?
NO, I DIDN'T.
YEAH.
I SEE.
WHILE YOU STOOD STILL DUMBFOUNDED, YOUR MOTHER ARRIVED.
SHE TIMIDLY VERIFIED THE BODY.
TREMBLING, SHE DIALED 110 TO CALL AND INFORM THE POLICE.


AND UNTIL EVERYTHING ENDED, YOUR DEAR SISTER WAS ALL ALONE IN HER ROOM.

WE DID...
DID WE GET EVERYTHING RIGHT?

DID WE REALLY GET EVERYTHING RIGHT?
IT'S A PROBLEM CONCERNING YOUR DEAR SISTER, YA KNOW.
THERE'S NO MISTAKE WITH THE WHEREABOUTS AND TIME OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED, DURING THE INCIDENT?
...YEAH.

SHALL WE GET GOING THEN?
WHERE TO?

WE'LL BE
STALKING YOUR
DEAR SISTER.

Tsukimiduki Rikai no Tantei Satsujin